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TO : Department of State
 INFO : COPENHAGEN, ROME

FROM : Amconsul TURIN

DATE: February 11, 1969

SUBJECT: Greenland Peaks named for John and Robert Kennedy

REF :

The Alpine Club of Alpignano, Italy (a suburb of Turin) has informed the Consulate that on July 3, 1968 an expedition consisting of members of the Alpignano branch of the Alpine Club of Italy (CAI) climbed twin Greenland peaks, 4,164 feet high and christened them John and Robert Kennedy.

The peaks are in the District of Angmagssalik, approximately 50 miles north of the town of Angmagssalik and about three hours by sea from Eskimo village of Kungmiut. The exact location is between the fiords Ikasagtivaq and Ikasaulao. The summits were reached after 10 hours hiking and climbing, and although the peaks are not particularly high, they are considerably higher than other mountains in the area. That they are not especially easy to climb can be seen from the single photograph of John Kennedy Peak supplied to the Consulate, which is enclosed with this airgram.

The summits of the peaks were reached by three alpinists led by the President of the Alpignano branch of the CAI, Fiore AMISANO, and including also Giammaria GUASTI and Flavio BERTOLO.

Enclosure:
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The Danish Geodetic Institute was informed of the naming of the peaks and the names presumably will appear on the next map of Greenland published by the Institute. The Alpignano branch has offered to show to the Consulate and the public a film of the expedition taken during the expedition as soon as arrangements can be made for a mutually acceptable time and date for the screening. A booklet describing the expedition also will be printed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Please transmit the above information to the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, with the enclosed photograph. In the event information regarding the peaks has not been previously furnished to the Kennedy family we are certain that a letter of acknowledgment from Senator Kennedy, transmitted through the Consulate, would be appreciated.


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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7238

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1. EMBASSY HAS 2,500 COPIES OF FOUR-PAGE BROCHURE ABOUT ROBERT KENNEDY, PRODUCED BY SPO VIENNA IN RESPONSE MANY REQUESTS EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM POLISH VISITORS AT TIME OF HIS DEATH IN JUNE. BROCHURE FEATURES PICTURES ROBERT AND HIS BROTHERS, PLUS TEXT EDWARD KENNEDY EULOGY AT FUNERAL.

2. REQUEST VOA BRIEFLY NOTE IN EVENING BROADCASTS OCTOBER 7 AND 8 THAT IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND, BROCHURE AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY LOBBY, ON REQUEST, ONE COPY PER PERSON. REQUEST NOT PROMOTE MORE THAN TWO NIGHTS SINCE DEMAND LIKELY OUTFRAN SUPPLY.
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ACTION: Amembassy WELLINGTON IMMEDIATE

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REF A. Wellington 2401
B. Wellington 2405

Inform Nelson authorities Mrs. Kennedy appreciates invitation
open Trafalgar Convention but regrets she will be out of
town September 25 and unable send requested telephone message.

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Off. of Mrs. J. Kennedy

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R 230043Z SEP 68
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1949

UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2401

1. HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM CITY OF NELSON THAT
MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY BE ASKED TO LAUNCH TRAFALGAR
CONVENTION AND SPORTS CENTER APPEAL IN NELSON ON
SEPTEMBER 25 BY TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM U.S.
NELSON IS CITY OF 28,000 POPULATION.

2. I AGREED ONLY TO FORWARD REQUEST. WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING OFFICE OF MRS. KENNEDY
AND ADVISE AT ONCE AS TO REPOSE. HENNING

*Wellington 2401
9/23/68*

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UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2405

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR MRN ONLY 2405 VICE 1953)
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REF: STATE 243094

1. EMBASSY WELLINGTON WITHDRAWING FROM TRAFALGAR
CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONTACT PROPOSAL RE MRS. KENNEDY.

2. NELSON AUTHORITIES WISH TO PHONE MRS. KENNEDY
DIRECTLY. HAVE REQUESTED PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE
PROVIDE NUMBER.

HENNING

*Wellington 2405
9/23/68*

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ACTION: Amembassy WELLINGTON

Info:

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REF: Wellington 2401

1. Need further information on "Trafalgar Convention" and "Sports Center Appeal" before determining whether appropriate to forward request to Mrs. Kennedy.
2. Would also appreciate Embassy's recommendation.

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 195

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FOR S/AH

1. WE RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH A LETTER FOR MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY FROM PRINCE SIHANOUK WHICH WAS POUCHED TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER PROVIDED US BY THE AUSTRALIANS.

2. POUCH INFORMATION: POUCH NO. BI-2503; INVOICE NO. CX-40; POSTAL REGISTRY NO. 24332 LEAVING BANGKOK TODAY.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : Jerusalem

FROM : Amembassy AMMAN

DATE: August 16, 1968

SUBJECT : Sirhan Trial Receives Close Attention in Amman

REF :

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The trial of the accused assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, continues to receive wide press coverage in Jordan. The reporting generally is straightforward and detailed. Editorials have been sparse. The following editorial from the sensationalist Amman weekly Akhbar al-'Usbou' on August ninth, entitled "Sirhan and the Palestine Problem", provides an example of some of the more extreme opinions:

"As a result of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, Sirhan is standing trial in an American court. His only defense is that he killed Kennedy for the sake of his country.

"Three important points are raised by this case:

"1. Sirhan is not a criminal, but rather a man of principle.

"2. The bullet that shot Kennedy was an inevitable necessity because Zionism has succeeded in attracting bigoted Christians in America into an unholy alliance by convincing them that the Palestine problem is a dispute between Moslems and Jews, and that it is a Christian duty to support the Jews. Sirhan killed Kennedy because he is an Arab first and a Christian second. He killed Kennedy for the sake of his homeland which was usurped by the Jews with the help of the Americans. Living in this atmosphere of direct challenge, Sirhan discovered the necessity for this bullet.

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"Kennedy's assassination has raised many questions in America, such as: What has this Christian to do with it? Are the Arab Christians with the Moslems? For whose sake did Sirhan shoot Kennedy? It is sufficient that Sirhan's bullet has raised such questions among Americans.

"3. Arabs everywhere have denied responsibility for this assassination and have avoided comment on the virtues of political assassination. This attitude of the Arabs toward Sirhan is similar to the attitude of Pilatus toward Christ.

"Will Sirhan's trial be able to melt the indifference and passivity of the Arabs toward this Arab patriot in a foreign land?"

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TO Department of State
Office of Congressional Relations

FROM Amcongen NAPLES

DATE: August 13, 1968

SUBJECT Senator Kennedy Assassination Material.

REF

Enclosed are the several types of condolence received by the Consulate General as a result of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All communications have been acknowledged.

In addition, several outlying towns have named streets or squares in honor of the late Senator and President. Five memorial services held in outlying areas of the Consular District were attended by officers of the Consulate General.

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Enclosures

1. Signature book and pages signed by callers at the American Studies Center (approximately 87) and at the Consulate General (approximately 1,263);
2. Letters and telegrams addressed either to the Kennedy family or to the Consulate General (approximately 80);
3. Box of letters presented directly to the Consulate General.

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American Studies Center (approximately 87) and
at the Consulate General (approximately 1,263).

Telegram Circolo Pensionati Americani, Torre del Greco

Telegram Prof. Pietro Cerutti, President, Rotary Club of
Naples, Rione Sirignano 2, 80124 Naples

Telegram Avv. Mario Florio, Secretary, Rotary Club of Naples,
Rione Sirignano 2, 80124 Naples

Telegram His Excellency Nicola Cupaiuolo, Prefect of Cosenza
87100 Cosenza

Telegram His Excellency Dr. Giovanni Paterno', Prefect
of Benevento, 82100 Benevento

Telegram Avv. Gr. Uff. Giuseppe Russo, Union of Industrialists,
Piazza dei Martiri 58, 80121 Naples

Telegram Cav. Lav. Dr. Ing. Vincenzo Carola, Union of
Industrialists, P. dei Martiri 58, 80121 Naples

Telegram Ammiraglio Ernesto Fellegrini Dai Coi e Signora,
Via Calascione 5, 80132 Naples

Telegram Spett. Commissione Intera, ITALSIDER,
80124 Bagnoli (Naples)

Telegram Dott. Giuseppe Cassano, Direttore dell'ISVE,
Piazzale ~~Tecchio~~, 80125 Naples

Telegram Ill. Dr. Francesco S. d'Orsi, Sindaco di Castellamare,
80053 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Giovanni Giugliano
80023 Caivano (Naples)

Telegram Egr. Sig. Gennaro Mariani, Tranvie Provinciali,
Piazza Carlo III, 80137 Naples

Telegram On. Antonio Caldoro, Via B. Falcomata 50, 80128 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Antonio Catania, Tessano Dipignano,
87040 (Cosenza)

Telegram Egr. Dr. Silvio Pavia, President, Circolo Filippo Turati,
Via dei Fiorentini 61, 80133 Napoli

Telegram Egr. Sig. Baldassare Taormina, Nocera Inferiore,
84014 (Salerno)

Telegram Ill. Dr. Sovaldo Ruggiero, Palazzo del Governo,
80100 Naples

Telegram Gr. Uff. Dr. Adriano Falvo, President, Circolo della
Stampa, Villa Comunale, 80122 Naples

Telegram Ill. Avv. Mario Forte, Segretario Cittadino della D.C.,
Via A. de Gasperi 55, 80133 Naples

Telegram Ill. Arch. Raimondo Riveccio, and
Ill. Dr. Umberto Palmieri
Co-segretari del PSU, Via Marchese Campodosola,
80133 Naples

Telegram Egr. Sig. Giovanni d'Alessandro,
84040 Camerota (Salerno)

Telegram Spett. Commissione Interna, DERIVER, S.p.A.,
Torre Annunziata, 80058 (Naples)

Telegram Ch.mo Prof. Alfonso Tesauero,
Piazza N. Amore 2, 80138 Naples

Telegram Ill. Dr. Vincenzo Federici, Via Michetti 1, 80127 Naples

Letter The Students of the Istituto Magistrale Statale
"Margherita di Savoia", Naples

Letter Egr. Sig. Vincenzo di Novella, Via Cesare Battisti 8,
Sassano (Salerno)

Letter Egr. Sig. Orazio Genovese, Via Sardinia-Ogliara 25, Salerno

Letter Class II-D, Scuola Media di Sant'Aanello, Naples

Letter Mrs. Gelsomina Romano, Corso Umberto I--262,
80034 Marigliano (Naples)

Card Comm. Crazio GATTI, Via Bernardo Tannucci 7,
 80137 Naples

Card Prof. sa Giuseppina della Corte Schiattarella,
 Via Stella 103, 80135 Naples

Card Avv. Riccardo Rodino' di Miglione e Signora
 Via Bisignano 4, 80121 Naples

Letter Sig. Francesco Malescio, Via Marco Vicchio 18
 87010 Acquaformosa (Cosenza)

Letter Sig. Giovanni Abate, Calata, Capodichino 162, Naples

Letter Sig. Antonio Carbone, Galleria Umberto I--50,
 80132 Naples

Card Cav. Carlo Piciocchi and family,
 Corso Vittorio Emanuele 25, Villa Santa Maria,
 Villino L, 80122 Naples

Letter Sig. Vito Bochicchio, Montereale--La Fedele 6, Potenza

Letter Sig.ra Maria Leone, Via delle Puglie 54, 80100 Naples

Letter Sig. Mario Cioffi e Signora, Via Tofa 46, 80100 Naples

Card Sig. Gaetano Postiglione, Via Atri 25, 80138 Naples

Letter Sig. Saverio Silipo, Via F. Crispi 4, 88014 Mileto (CZ)

Letter Tufino Section, Christian Democrat Party,
 Secretary, Sig. Salvatore Prisco

Letter Sig. Pasquale Leccio, Via S. Antio 15,
 71014 S. Marco in Lamis (Foggia)

Letter Sig. Carlo Coppola, President, Club Universitario Cavese
 Villa Comunale, Cava dei Tirreni

Letter Sig. Natale Malara, Parco Fiamma, Pal. 6,
 Reggio Calabria 89100

Card Sig. Diego Tesorone, Via G. Martucci 18, 80124 Naples

Letter Gen.le Avv. Costanza Rossetti di Valdalbero,
 Via B. Piazza 55, 80137 Naples.

Card His Excellency Paulus von Stolzmann, Director,
 Goethe Institute, Riviera di Chiaia 202, 80121 Naples.

Card His Excellency D. Ramon Saenz de Heredia,
 Spanish Consul General.

Letter Sig. Otello Leopizzi and family,
 Via P. Franza, Alezio-Lecce.

Telegram Dr. and Mrs. Stefano Valle, Piazza Manin 1, 16122 Genoa.

Telegram Dr. Pasquale de Rosa, President, Rotary Club West,
 Rione Sirignano 2, 80121 Naples.

Telegram Dr. Vittorio Brun, President, Rotary Club North,
 Rione Sirignano 2, 80121 Naples.

Letter General Raffaele Guida, Commander, Guardia di Finanza,
 Caserma Zanzur, 80100 Naples.

Letter Sig. Victor Jose Bianculli, Argentine Consul.

Letter Dr. Juan Carlos Moreira, Uruguayan Consul.

Letter Dr. Mario Lamberti, Nicaraguan Consul.

Letter Gr. Uff. Dr. Enzo Fiore, President, Bureau of
 Provincial Tourism, 80121 Naples.

Letter (and speech) Ill. mo Sig. Sindaco Dr. Alfonso Menna,
 Mayor of Salerno, 84100 Salerno.

Letters Reverend Luigi Caturano, Parrocchia di San Bartolomeo,
 Benevento.

Letter Rag. Gennaro di Gennaro, Via Armando Diaz 138,
 Bellavista.

Letter Sig. Carlo Zuppetta, Via de Blasi 10, Naples.

Letter	Sig. Pasquale Luccoro, Via Ritiro 41, Calvizzano, 80122 Naples
Letter	Sig. Giuseppe Lucera and family, Via della Pace 3 71032 Biccari (Foggia)
Letter	Sig. Giuseppe Colucci, Vico Sammatari alla Sanita 6, 80100 Naples
Card	Sig. Umberto Cardone, Via F. S. Correra 29, 80135 Naples
Letter	Circolo Culturale, GNEO NEVIC, Grumo Nevano (Naples)
Wreath	Gioventu' Liberale, Partito Liberale Italiano, Piazza Vanvitelli, 80129 Naples
Card	Gr. Inv. G.rra. Uff. R. T. and Mrs. Paolo Latorella, Piazza Bovio 8, 80133 Naples
Card	Cav. Prof. Felice Basile, Via Nazionale delle Puglie 304, 80030 Cimitile
Letter	Assoc. Nazionale Mutilati Invalidi Civili, and President, Cav. Uff. Luigi Petrone, Cosenza
Letter	Sig. Raffaele Vasaturo, Addetto Sociale ACLI, Via San Luca 16, 80021 Afragola
Telegram	Prof. Filippo and Mrs. Soricelli, Via Roberto Bracco 71, 80133 Naples
Telegram	Dr. Angelo Ruoppolo, Liberian Consul General, 80138 Napoli, Corso Umberto I, 154.
Telegram	Gr. Cr. Dott. Raffaele Ruggiero, Consul of San Marino, Via Bellini 40, 80135 Naples
Telegram	Avv. Comm. Agostino Pansa Cedronio, Swedish Consul, Via Carlo Poerio 9, 80121 Naples

No addresses available for the following:

Telephone Sig. Carlo Astarri.

Letter Florence Valentin (in French)

Card Vassallo Asterino, Avellino.

Telegram Ilona and Sandro Marai, Salerno.

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TO : Department of State

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Aug 13 5 35 PM '68

FROM : Amembassy Monrovia

DATE: August 10, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolence Book - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

There is enclosed for appropriate disposition by the Department of State the Condolence Book which was used by the American Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia, at the time of the death of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Enclosure
Condolence Book



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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy LUSAKA

DATE: August 2, 1968

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SUBJECT : Zambian Reactions to Senator Kennedy's Assassination:
Foreign Minister Belatedly Answers Protest

AIR ARMY NAVY OSD

REF : Lusaka 2079, 2080, 2085 and A-465 of June 1968

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Lusaka's A-465 and the telegrams under reference reported the letter which Ambassador Good sent to Foreign Minister Kamanga taking exception to allegations made by prominent Zambian officials to the effect that Senator Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy of "those in power." Kamanga's initial reply was in the form of a press interview (Enclosure 2 of A-465) implying disbelief that the assassination could have been anything other than part of a plot.

Today, several weeks later, the Ambassador received a reply (Enclosed) expressing in fairly conciliatory tones, understanding of the Ambassador's concern and stating that the offensive statements were purely the personal feelings of the authors and "were not in any way made or intended to be made on behalf of the Zambian Government."

Although the Foreign Minister's note speaks of messages of condolence to the U.S. Government, the Embassy is unaware of any official expression of condolence addressed to it (or any other U.S. Government agency) by the Zambian Government. (Instead President Kaunda spoke of having a right to protest to the U.S. Government).

Why Kamanga answered at all at this date we can only guess. We assume that the letter was drafted by one of his more diplomatic-minded civil servants--probably Permanent Secretary Mulikita--who finally got him to sign it.

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Enclosure

Kamanga letter dated 30 July 1968

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Office of the Minister of Foreign
Affairs,

P.O. Box RW 69,

Lusaka.

30th July, 1968.

His Excellency Robert C. Good,
Ambassador,
Embassy of the United States of America,
LUSAKA.

My Dear Ambassador,

I have just received and noted the contents of your letter of 9 June, 1968. I would have replied earlier than today, but you will no doubt have known that I have been away from Lusaka accompanying His Excellency the President on his recent tour of European countries.

Mr. Ambassador, I fully understand your concern over statements which the Press attributed to certain members of my Government soon after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I note from your letter with gratification that you fully understood the deep emotions which the assassination emitted in Zambia. The quick succession of the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Kennedy confirmed in the minds of many Zambians the picture of the United States as a country where the rule of the gun is the order of the day. To many of them, real life in the States is not different from the cowboy "American-Western" picture they see on their cinema screens and television. They do not understand why the U.S. Government has not succeeded in controlling the gun as effectively as their own Government in Zambia does.

So it is that as one after another, a number of prominent citizens of the U.S. are gunned down, understandably but mistakenly, in the heat of emotions, most Zambians heap the blame on the U.S. Administration.

My Government, however, appreciates the difficulties which successive Administrations in your country have had to battle against in their fight to halt murder by mail order. My Government is sympathetic to the efforts of the present Administration to introduce legislation effecting tighter control on the use of the gun in the United States. The reaction of my Government to the assassination took this background into account. I hardly need remind you of what my Government did to commemorate the assassination of Senator Kennedy, messages of condolence to your Government and the Kennedy family, as well as setting aside a day of national mourning. ?

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One feature which the Press in my country shares with the Press anywhere, is that it capitalizes on the private indiscretions of people in responsible positions. The news of the assassination of Senator Kennedy offered the Press in Zambia an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their skill at this old game. I would like to reassure you and your Government that the reported statements expressed a personal feeling on the part of their authors and were not in any way made or intended to be made on behalf of my Government.

I sincerely hope that the machinations of the Press will not be allowed to mar the excellent relations which our two Governments are currently enjoying. It is my hope that our two Governments will lose no opportunity to work side by side in a greater effort to realise the humane ideals, for which Bob Kennedy died, in both our own societies and the entire international community.

Yours sincerely,



R.C. Kamanga
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

ANALYSIS

FROM : Amcongen LOURENCO MARQUES

DATE: August 2, 1968

SUBJECT: Local Reactions and Events Concerned with Assassination
of Senator Kennedy: Final Report *POL 6 45/Kennedy, Robert F.*REF : Lourenco Marques 772, 6/7/68; A-159, 6/11/68
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No local event or reaction of significance and no further press comment has occurred here since the referenced communications to change, modify or significantly add to their contents. This airgram therefore serves only to submit various documents and translations of interest or possible value to family historians or other researchers some time in the future.

The only two editorials of significance are at Enclosure 1 (ConGen's informal translations and press clippings). Incoming condolence letters and copies of the ConGen's replies, a list of those who sent condolence cards, copies of letters to those who called on the Consul General to express their condolences, and the Consulate General's letters of thanks to those who assisted in the memorial service, as well as the used pages of the condolence book, will be found at Enclosure 2.

Among the individual acts of regard for the Senator and for the United States, the following are worthy of mention:

Enclosures: *all in m.*

1. Copies of newspaper editorials and Consulate General's translations.
2. Condolence letters, ConGen's replies, used pages of condolence book and list of names.
3. Noticias clipping of June 7, 1968 and Consulate General's translation.
4. Press clippings of memorial service & copy of sermon.
5. June 6, 1968 issue of Noticias (5 copies)
6. June 6, 1968 Extra edition of Diario (5 copies)

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The British and German Consulates General lowered their flags to half mast; the Rector of the Anglican Church volunteered to give a memorial service, which was accepted (see refair); and the local florist from whom we bought the flowers for the service volunteered to go to the church at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning and spent over three hours arranging the flowers to perfection. Beyond this, no one showed any unusual concern.

Enclosure 3 consists of a Noticias clipping showing the Consul General signing the formal statement he gave to the press in lieu of interviews and carrying the text of the statement, and the English translation of the statement.

Enclosure 4 consists of the press clippings of the announcement of the memorial service and the reporting on the memorial service in the local press, and a copy of the sermon delivered by the Anglican Rector at the memorial service.

Enclosure 5 contains five copies of the afternoon Extra (the only Extra published here in at least one year) devoted entirely to the late Senator Kennedy.

Five complete copies of one issue of Noticias, the leading newspaper, showing the extent of the local press coverage of the tragedy, are at Enclosure 6.



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"Diario" - June 7, 1968 edition

DIARIO - June 7, 1968

FALÊNCIA TOTAL DA DEMOCRACIA?

O brutal assassinio de Kennedy mostra bem a falência de determinado tipo de democracia, de todo aquele regime político que pretende fazer doutrina através de propaganda sabiamente dirigida. Os acontecimentos que nos últimos anos têm ensombrado e recoberto de terror a vasta América e que agora culminaram com o atentado a um jovem senador que se batia pela igualdade dos direitos civis entre os homens e pelo regresso a uma paz duradoura, ressaltam de um estado de coisas que se situa ainda muito longe do espírito autêntico das sãs democracias.

Campeão da liberdade e da igualdade entre todos os homens, Kennedy teria oportunidade de imprimir à sua administração, porque era católico, o que a Igreja nos ensina, atribuindo assim a todos os gestos o mais profundo e transcendente significado. Kennedy acreditava nos homens porque acreditava em Deus e era pelo amor a Deus que trazia todos os homens até si, no mais sagrado respeito pela dignidade fundamental de todo o ser humano.

O que agora aconteceu na América é o retrato de uma época, a trágica e desoladora caricatura de determinado período histórico e que demarca a falência da democracia, quando erguida sobre princípios que desrespeitam exactamente os mais elementares direitos do povo.

No caso presente, a situação torna-se ainda mais desoladora e vergonhosa na medida em que não foi, certamente, um desvairado a cometer o crime, mas qualquer sociedade ou grupo secreto e apenas possível numa nação doente.

Significam e exprimem estas linhas a tristeza do nosso jornal, que se bate pela Justiça e pelo Bem. Descanso eterno à alma de Robert Kennedy.

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English translation of June 7, 1968 "Diario" editorial

IS DEMOCRACY COMPLETELY BANKRUPT?

The brutal assassination of Kennedy shows well the failure of a certain type of democracy, where the entire political system seeks to create doctrines by the process of wisely guided propaganda. The events of the last years, that have shadowed and blanketed in terror the huge [land of] America, and have now culminated in the attempt on a young Senator who fought for equality of civil rights among men and for return to a lasting peace, came about from a state of affairs indeed far removed from the true spirit of sane democracy.

Champion of liberty and equality among all men, Kennedy had the opportunity to stamp upon his Administration, because he was Catholic, that which the Church teaches us, giving thereby to all accounts a most profound and transcendent significance. Kennedy believed in men because he believed in God and it was for the love of God that he brought all men to this point in the most sacred respect for the fundamental dignity of every human being.

What has now happened in America is the picture of an epoch, a tragic and desolate caricature of a certain historic period, that marks the failure of democracy when it is guided by principles that specifically derogate the most elementary rights of the people.

In this case the situation is even more wretched and shameful to the extent that it certainly was not a deranged person that committed the crime, but some society or secret group that is possible only in a sick nation.

These lines reflect and express the sorrow of our newspaper that fights for justice and right. Eternal rest to the soul of Robert Kennedy.

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"Noticias" - June 8, 1968 edition

A LEI DA BALA

Aconteceu, esta semana, em Los Angeles: uma saravada de balas levou, em estado de coma, para o Hospital do Bom Samaritano, o corpo inerte de Robert Kennedy.

Entrou, imediatamente, em acção a Cirurgia e, em plena era das Transplantações, o bisturi socorreu frente aos efeitos da pistola. A Ciência foi rejeitada pela violência. O pistoleiro tinha imposto a sua lei: a lei da bala.

Tragicamente, manteve-se, assim, uma constante histórica dos Estados Unidos: Há um século, Lincoln; há cinco anos, John Kennedy; há poucos meses, Luther King; esta semana o candidato mais recente da projectada dinastia dos Kennedy.

A mesma arma nos quatro assassinios. O mesmo móbil do crime nos quatro atentados.

E vem de longe esta liberdade incrível. Cheira a Far-West, a lei da arma que fez dos pistoleiros heróis, a lei da bala que os próprios senhores tinham de usar para fazerem justiça.

Nos tempos de ouro dos Estados Unidos, os coldres figuraram como espadas de honra. Na aprendizagem dos jovens para a vida, o feito e a rapidez de atirarem certo constituíam diploma de mérito, motivo de orgulho e da vaidade dos pais. E tão sedimentado foi este atavismo que até chegou à Lei Constitucional com uma disposição que garante, a qualquer cidadão, o direito indiscriminado do porte de armas.

Fez-se, entretanto, a revolução técnica e industrial. Computadores, estatísticas, cálculos infalíveis para a conquista do Cosmos... tudo foi possível. Provavelmente, tudo continuará a ser possível no domínio da máquina, do controlo e do aproveitamento da energia, da certeza dos números. Mas, ao que parece, só o Homem — mais lento na conquista e no domínio de si próprio — ficou amarrado aos coldres da violência.

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válidas para uma sobrevivência matemática, submeteu-o à forja do Humanismo que caldeia culturas e civilizações. E, feito máquina, destituído de contacto humano — contacto que se faz à custa de martírios e decepções — o velho «Far-West» ressuscitou no mundo da electrónica e da energia nuclear. Voltou a impor a sua lei: a do coldre e da bala.

Não morriamos de amores por Robert Kennedy, nem de ansiedades pelo seu sucesso eleitoral. Sabemos bem que a Casa Branca não pode cair no papo de um pobre de Job. A campanha custa dólares expressos em miríades de zeros e as proclamações ideológicas guardam também, bem guardadas, garantias de fortuna para amanhã. Lamentamos, no entanto, a sua morte pela violência que a impôs. Pesa-nos toda a violência, até porque, neste nosso Moçambique, em atavismos de Far-West, também sentimos no sangue, na carne, nos ossos o sabor amargo dos pistoleiros da lei da bala, das minas, das emboscadas. Somos pela coexistência — aquela que, na verdade, permite «revolucionar» sem coldres nem espoletas; aquela que dá ao Homem o acesso a uma autêntica civilização. E parece que podemos sintetizar este acesso num único propósito: dar ao Homem a certeza de que lhe é garantido o direito pleno de viver, de coexistir com os outros, de construir, em suma, um mundo sempre novo para si e para os seus filhos. E construí-lo apenas com barro, alma e repúdio total de balas e violências.

TITO PEREIRA

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English translation of June 8, 1968 "Noticias" editorial

THE LAW OF THE BULLET

It occurred this week in Los Angeles: A hail of bullets sent the inert body of Robert Kennedy in a state of coma to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Surgery went into action immediately, yet in the full era of (organ) transplants the scalpel bowed to the effects of the bullet. Science was "rejected" by violence. The gunman had imposed his law: The law of the bullet.

Thus, tragically, was an historical constant of the U.S. maintained: a century ago Lincoln; five years ago Kennedy, a few months ago Luther King; this week the most recent candidate of the projected Kennedy dynasty. The same type of weapon in all four assassinations. The same criminal hallmark in all four attempts.

And this incredible liberty comes from the past. It smells of the Far West, the law of the weapon which made gunmen heroes, the law of the bullet that the sheriffs themselves had to use in order to carry out justice.

On the fancy dress of those old times of the West, holsters served as badges of honor in the apprenticeship of youth for life; the skill and the speed with which they could shoot accurately served as a diploma of merit, a source of pride and vanity for their parents. And so firmly rooted was this activism that it found itself even in the constitutional law in the form of a revision which guaranteed to any citizen the indiscriminate right to bear arms.

Meanwhile, the technical and industrial revolution took place, computers, statistics, immutable calculations for the conquest of the cosmos...everything was possible. Probably everything will continue to be possible in the realm of the machine, of the control and use of energy, and the certainty of mathematics. But, so it seems, man alone -- slower in the conquest and domination of himself -- remained strapped to the holsters of violence.

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Any balancing of the accounts that is mathematically valid for survival is betrayed at the forge of humanism that shapes cultures and civilizations, and in a mechanical object void of human contact -- contact created at the cost of martyrdom and disappointments -- the old Far West is revived in the world of electronics and nuclear energy. It has returned to impose its law; that of the holster and the bullet.

We were not overcome with love for Robert Kennedy nor with anxiety for his electoral success. We well know that the White House cannot fall into the lap of one as poor as Job. The campaign costs sums expressed in myriads of zeros and the ideological proclamations retain also well protected guarantees of fortune for tomorrow. We lament nevertheless his death because of the violence with which it came. We regret all violence even to include that of our Mozambique which lacks the activism of the Far West, and we also feel in our blood, our flesh and our bones the bitter taste of the gunmen of the law of the bullet, of the mines and the ambushes. We are for coexistence, that which in fact permits the making of "revolution" without holsters or detonating caps; that which gives man access to an authentic civilization. And it seems we can synthesize this access in one proposition: give to man the certainty that to him is guaranteed the clear right to live, to coexist with others, to build, in short, an ever new world always new for him and for his children and to build it only with earth and with spirit, and with total repudiation of bullets and violence.

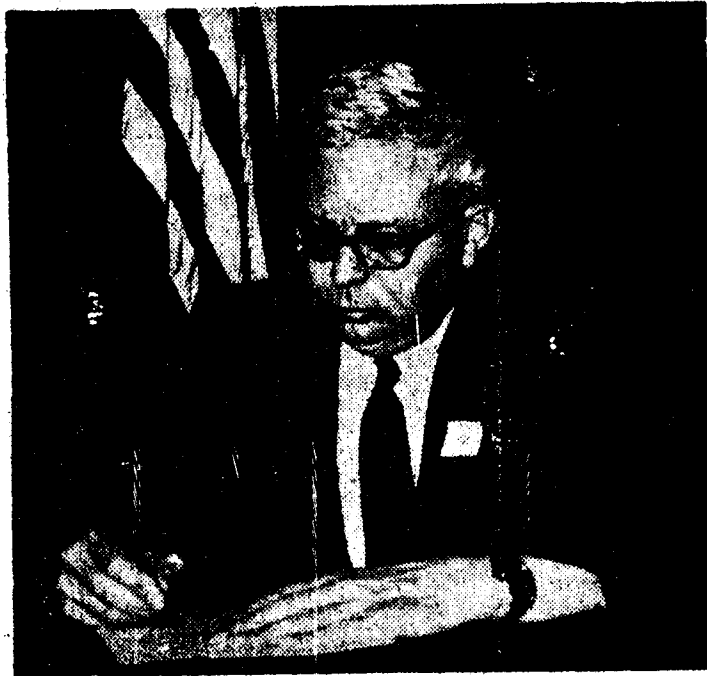
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"Noticias" - June 7, 1968

PESAR DO CÔNSUL AMERICANO



Noticias - June 7, 1968.

O Cônsul-Geral dos Estados Unidos em Lourenço Marques, sr. John G. Gossett, entregou ao «Noticias» a seguinte mensagem de pesar:

«Os americanos de todas as crenças políticas, por todo o Mundo, encontram-se profundamente impressionados e desgostosos com esta terrível tragédia. Sei que falo pelos meus compatriotas residentes em Moçambique ao manifestar o nosso horror por aquele acto, a nossa tristeza e o nosso pesar por esta perda nacional, e a nossa profunda simpatia para com a família Kennedy.

Desejo agradecer a todas as pessoas que em Lourenço Marques vieram expressar-nos as suas condolências e pesar.»

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English text of June 7, 1968 Noticias article

Americans everywhere of all political beliefs are shocked and saddened by this terrible tragedy. I know that I speak for my compatriots in Mozambique in expressing our horror at the act, our sorrow and grief at our national loss, and our profound sympathy with Senator Kennedy's family.

I wish to thank all the people in Lourenco Marques who have called to express their condolences and sympathy.

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The Rector of the Anglican Church of Lourenço Marques and the American Consul General announce that a memorial service for the late Senator Robert Francis Kennedy will be held at the Anglican Church at 11 am Sunday June 9.

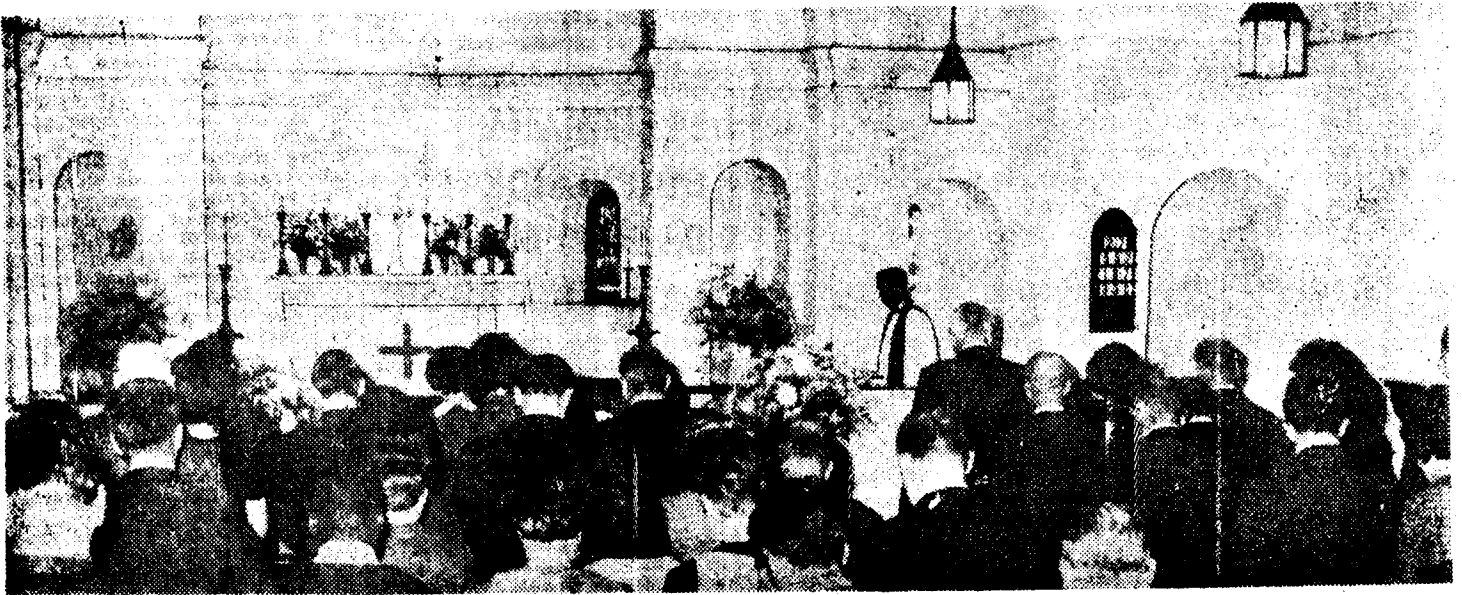
O Prior da Igreja Anglicana de Lourenço Marques e o Cônsul-Geral dos Estados Unidos da América comunicam que será celebrada no próximo Domingo dia 9 de Junho pelas 11 horas uma missa pela alma do falecido Senador Robert Francis Kennedy.

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"Noticias" - June 10, 1968



Foi ontem de manhã celebrada, na Igreja Anglicana de Lourenço Marques, uma missa por alma do senador Robert Kennedy, a que assistiram numerosos elementos ligados à comunidade britânica. A gravura reproduz o momento em o celebrante e a assistência, de pé, iniciavam a cerimónia

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1968

Sermon Delivered by The Rev. R. A. Lovewell,
Rector of The Anglican Church of
Lourenco Marques

The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Mt. 13,45

During the past few weeks the world has lost two men which it could ill afford to lose. Robert Francis Kennedy was a Catholic of whom some would say "he had learned the Protestant Ethic." Martin Luther King was a Protestant clergyman of whom some would say "he had learned Catholicity in all its fullness." Both of these men gave to the Church an example of humble obedience in following, according to their lights, the words of Jesus of Nazareth in the tenets of Christian freedom. Both of these men died at the hands of an assassin who in his waywardness expressed the waywardness of the society in which he lived.

What was it which they had discovered in life which was a compelling force, which drove them to be solitary lights in a lost generation? Speaking on this continent before four thousand people, Robert Kennedy said: "I do not do this because it is politically expedient -- although it is. I do not do it because it is commercially and economically profitable, but it is; I do not do it because the laws of God say so -- although they do. I do it because I believe it is the right thing to do."

Martin Luther King, speaking in London when asked about the possibility of his own assassination said, "I can only reply with the words of a man whose name I share, 'Here I stand - I can do no other.'"

It was as though, in the words of the parable, they had found in life, a philosophy, a way of living which was to them like a pearl of great price and both were prepared to sacrifice all that they had in order to find fulfillment in it.

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If we can find anything praiseworthy in the lives of these two men, I propose that it may help us to reflect on this biblical parable which strikes with precision all that they found true for themselves for in so doing we may discover something which is true for ourselves.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Notice that the merchant didn't find the pearl of great price at the beginning of his career. He was in business for some time before he found it. Of course, he had to accumulate the capital needed to buy it. Had he found it at the beginning of his career he would not have had the stock to sell to realize the fortune needed to buy it. Had he not traded in lesser pearls he would never have acquired the one pearl he longed for.

Jesus said the Kingdom, the absolute for man, is like this merchant. It is not something which can be presented to you on a plate so that all you have to do is get it and feel good. You will find many who have forgotten that this is so.

They tell you that if you stick to this, that or the other form of orthodoxy you've got it. But you haven't got it! All you've got is an excuse to stop looking for it. Fanaticism is always a means of preventing doubt from becoming serious.

Others will tell you that the Kingdom is found in obedience to a traditional system of morals. Obedience always looks like a virtue whereas in fact it is always blasphemy - blasphemy against oneself. To base your life on other people's rules, even though we call them "God's laws" is to choose slavery instead of freedom. Freedom means that we have discovered for ourselves what is true for ourselves, how we can express sincerely and freely what we are. If we are content to be conventional, which means content to be like someone else accepting rules for a given type of person, then we have abandoned the search for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Others tell you that you must have a particular sort of religious experience called conversion. They say if you haven't had this then you are outside the Kingdom. The trouble with this sort of experience is that if you examine it carefully, it isn't religious at all. True,

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the required feelings are often long associated with religion; but similar feelings can be evoked without religious symbols. Think of the warmth, the escape, the sense of purpose and mission evoked by this century's greatest preacher who fooled all Europe with a lie. His name is Adolph Hitler. It is not easy to distinguish between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of Hell.

How then can we find the Kingdom, the truth for ourselves, the pearl of great price? Surely by refusing to be satisfied with anything less than what is satisfying. Not what should satisfy, but what does satisfy. You know how we all go to parties and we all enjoy ourselves immensely. This is just polite convention. But beware lest we treat life in this way, trying to persuade ourselves that it satisfies when it doesn't.

Let's return to the merchant. Remember, he had to accumulate capital before he could buy the one pearl. This was solid wealth. We often think we can buy the pearl with paper money -- but it is dangerous to forget that there is little value in paper money. We resolve to do this or that, forgetting that there are large areas of life in which the willpower we wish for is never available. I resolve to love people more. That resolve is the paper money I pay for the pearl of great price, but I forget that as yet my capacity to love is immature and in the absence of real wealth my resolve is worth very little. So I expect to get the pearl and wonder why I don't. What we have to learn is that real capital accumulates slowly and often without our noticing it.

Theologians say we grow by the grace of God but grace isn't a sort of spiritual petrol. It's the creative quality of life itself -- all things we do, all that happens to us, working, arguing, listening, playing, loving, all splendors, all miseries, all the pleasure and all the pain. It is here that our real selves and real capital accumulates slowly so that in the end we can know the paper money of our resolves with the gold of our whole selves.

Can we recognize the pearl of great price? Christianity presents us with a man on a cross. It points to this man in his death, and says that there, in utter, complete

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self-giving is what totally satisfies. Most of us have brief moments when we know with absolute certainty that to give ourselves away in love is the perfect satisfaction for which we crave. But such moments do not stay -- the crucified soon passes out of sight, and we are left to win the truth for ourselves by trial and error and by unspeakable joy full of glory.

Through Jesus there is nothing in this world, or in the next, which cannot, and will not, be turned into the valid currency we need, to buy the one pearl of great price. That is what we mean when we say that we are redeemed.

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The Department's Office of Congressional Relations has forwarded to the Kennedy family the condolence books and letters which were enclosed in your A-23 of July 3. The Kennedy family plans to acknowledge all condolence letters and messages forwarded to them. Any further letters or messages for the family which you may now have or receive should be sent to the Department and marked for the attention of the Office of Congressional Relations.

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SUBJECT: Kennedy Memorial Activities

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Consulate personnel have participated in the following memorial observances concerning the Kennedy family during the present month:

On July 15, 1968 Consul General Joseph C. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler attended ceremonies at Barga (province of Lucca) dedicating the municipal park and a fountain in honor of John and Robert Kennedy. The fountain was donated by members of the "Giovanni Pascoli Benevolent Society" of Chicago. 183 representatives of the Society came from the United States to attend the dedication ceremonies at which Consul General Wheeler delivered an address, in Italian, to an audience estimated at over 3,000 persons. The 49th Army Band and an American military honor guard were present at this event during which the American flag was raised and both American and Italian national anthems were played. Among the dignitaries participating were Loris Biagioni, under secretary of State, and numerous local and provincial authorities. The Consul General's speech was very warmly received and good coverage was obtained in the local press. Sections of the ceremonies also appeared on Italian national television on July 16, 1968.

On July 7, 1968 FSO Allen S. Greenberg participated in memorial activities for Senator Kennedy organized by the "La Perla" Cultural Society of Follonica (province of Grosseto). The observances included a Mass for Senator Kennedy at which an American military honor guard was present. An estimated 400 persons attended this ceremony. FSO Greenberg subsequently delivered a memorial address, in Italian, at the Follonica City Hall to an audience of 65 persons.

Clippings of local press coverage for both events are attached.

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Inaugurati la fontana e il parco alla memoria di John e Robert Kennedy

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Presenti i « barghigiani di Chicago » - Le parole del console americano
Un po' di storia - Il discorso conclusivo del sottosegretario Biagioni

Nel centenario dell'emigrazione barghigiana — fu intorno al 1870 che a quella nomade e temporanea del « figurina » si sostituì nel Barghigiano la vera e propria emigrazione verso i grandi centri industriali del Nord America — sono stati inaugurati ieri a Barga una fontana monumentale e un parco pubblico dedicati alla memoria di John e Robert Kennedy, e la casa di riposo « Giovanni Pascoli », ambedue munifici dono dei membri barghigiani della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society » di Chicago alla loro città natale. Fontana e casa di riposo sono state realizzate interamente dai barghigiani di Chicago: il parco pubblico — che sorge nel punto di congiunzione fra la vecchia Barga castellana e quella nuova costituita dai barghigiani tornati dall'estero in questi cento anni di immensa e prodigiosa emigrazione — più propriamente dalla Pro Loco e dall'intera cittadina.

Tra avvenimenti come lo sottolineò il console generale americano J. Wheeler, in un univoco simbolo « Come i primi coraggiosi barghigiani che partirono cento anni or sono, il bisnonno di John e Robert Kennedy aveva traversato l'Atlantico nella metà del secolo scorso per trovare un maggior benessere per se stesso e per i suoi figli nel nuovo mondo. Come i primi barghigiani, egli aveva portato con sé poco più della sua volontà di fare del suo meglio e di lavorare onestamente. Le strade del nuovo mondo non erano lastricate d'oro ed egli come gli altri immigrati doveva lavorare sodo per guadagnarsi il pane quotidiano. Ma grazie all'operosità e all'intelligenza sua e dei figli che lo avevano seguito, la famiglia Kennedy non poteva solo arricchirsi ma faceva germogliare nei nostri tempi quella magnifica fioritura in cui esemplari più belli sono certo stati John e Robert Kennedy. Allo stesso modo gli emigrati barghigiani trasferendosi sul fertile suolo americano hanno lavorato e contribuito allo sviluppo degli Stati Uniti e i loro generali discendenti rappresentano oggi da centomila i membri della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society » di Chicago, sono tornati in Italia per portare soccorso, speranza alla loro città di origine. La fontana, il parco e la casa di riposo che oggi inauguriamo, rappresentano un ulteriore segno di quel forte vincolo che unisce i nostri grandi popoli così come i fratelli Kennedy avevano lavorato per unire tutte le genti del mondo su basi di reciproca amicizia, soccorso e amore ». I centosettanta barghigiani di Chicago erano arrivati domenica sera a Milano in aereo per presenziare alla inaugurazione. A Milano avevano ricevuto il caloroso benvenuto del sindaco di Barga, cav. uff. Felice Menichini, del presidente della Pro-Loce cav. Pietro Marroni e del direttore del Giornale di Barga, Bruno Sereni, irrefragabili promotori e animatori della manifestazione. A Barga gli « americani » hanno ricevuto l'affettuoso saluto dei loro concittadini e l'attestazione della riconoscenza e della profonda stima per le due magnifiche realizzazioni che costituiscono il più bel monumento ai cento anni dell'emigrazione barghigiana.

Col console generale americano ha preso parte alla cerimonia tutta la popolazione, il sottosegretario onorevole Loris Biagioni, il viceprefetto dottor Roviello, il questore dottor Bernucci, il presidente dell'amministrazione provinciale ingegner Barseanti, il comandante del presidio colonnello Nocentini, il presidente dell'ente turismo professor Arata, il direttore dell'ENAL Giuliani, il capitano Barlo dei carabinieri eccetera. Prestavano servizio d'onore un picchetto di soldati americani e la banda della SETAF.

Al parco Kennedy — la fontana monumentale è un dono personale degli italo-americani Luigi De Prato, Augusto Lazzerini e Fabio Conti di Chicago — dopo l'alzabandiera americana e la benedizione impartita dal prete di Barga monsignor Baroni hanno parlato il sindaco di Barga e il console generale americano. Il sindaco ha ricordato il generoso contributo dei barghigiani all'estero, sottolineando come Barga il giorno in cui viene inaugurata la casa di riposo, abbia voluto testimoniare la sua grande riconoscenza verso gli Stati Uniti dedicando il parco pubblico alla memoria del grande presidente John Kennedy e a quella del fratello senatore Robert entrambi apostoli e martiri della libertà e della convivenza di tutti i popoli della terra.

Successivamente, nei pressi dell'ospedale, è stata inaugurata la casa di riposo « Giovanni Pascoli ». Ha parlato il presidente della « Giovanni Pascoli benevolent society », Augusto Lazzerini, che ha ricordato la costituzione della società avvenuta a Chicago nel 1955 e le iniziative dei barghigiani emigrati in America, culminata con la donazione della casa di riposo che ha definito « un lembo di Chicago in terra barghigiana ».

Ha concluso il sottosegretario Biagioni il quale ha esaltato l'operosità dei nostri emigranti e il loro amore alla terra natale. Al termine del suo intervento il sottosegretario ha consegnato all'italo-americano Nicola Marcucci la commendata della solidarietà nazionale conferitagli dal presidente del consiglio onorevole Leone.

Dopo la benedizione della casa e il taglio del nastro da parte della consorte del console americano, autorità e invitati hanno visitato i locali guidati dal presidente dell'ospedale di Barga, Gualfredo Marquetti.

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Il bisnonno di Kennedy come gli emigrati di Barga

Nobili parole del console Joseph C. Wheeler alla cerimonia inaugurale del parco-giardino - Il discorso del sindaco Menichini

I festeggiamenti dell'emigrazione borghigiana con l'inaugurazione del parco-giardino intitolato ai fratelli Kennedy e la Villa di riposo « G. Pascoli », hanno avuto favorevole eco da noi dovunque.

Come ha tenuto a sottolineare il console americano Joseph C. Wheeler « l'evento ha accennato in sentimento di forza e solennità italiani e americani. Come i primi coraggiosi borghigiani che partivano cento anni or sono, il bisnonno di John e Robert Kennedy aveva attraversato l'Atlantico nella metà del secolo scorso per trovare un maggior bene sera per se stesso e per i suoi figli nel Nuovo Mondo. Come i primi borghigiani e gli aveva portato con sé pochi ma della sua volontà di fare del suo meglio e di lavorare onestamente. Le strade del Nuovo Mondo non erano certo lastricate di oro ed egli, come gli altri immigrati, aveva lavorato sodo per guadagnarsi il pane quotidiano. Ma grazie alla operosità ed intelligenza sua e dei figli che facevano seguito, la famiglia Kennedy non poteva solo arricchirsi ma faceva germogliare, nei nostri tempi, quella magnifica natura che ci sorregge più forte. Sono certo stati John e Robert. Allo stesso modo gli emigrati di Barga, trapassando il fertile suolo d'America hanno lavorato e contribuito allo sviluppo degli Stati Uniti e i loro discendenti rappresentati qui oggi dai 170 membri del "Giovani Pascoli Benevolent Society" di Chicago, sono ritornati in Italia per portare soccorso e assistenza alla loro città d'origine ».

Il sindaco cambrin ufficiale Menichini ha detto fra l'altro: « Nel commemorare i cento anni di emigrazione borghigiana nel mondo, è con sentimento di profonda gratitudine che voglio ricordare non solo il grande sviluppo urbanistico favorito dai nostri concittadini all'estero alla loro terra di origine, ma anche i generosi contributi da essi dati alle più nobili iniziative. Barga, con la sensibilità che la distingue, ha voluto in questo stesso giorno in cui viene inaugurata la villa di riposo, testimoniare la sua grande riconoscenza verso gli Stati Uniti, dedicando il parco-giardino, la cui ampia vasca è un dono, un altro dono di tre concittadini di Chicago, alla imperitura memoria dei fratelli Kennedy. Questo parco, voluto e costruito dalla Pro Loco, con la partecipazione della cittadinanza, è una rara dimostrazione di quella vita associata che Barga attraverso i secoli ha sempre mantenuto ».



La cerimonia a Barga. Parla il console generale degli Stati Uniti.

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FROM : Amconsul CALCUTTA

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NOTE: Enclosures received and retained in H 8/5/68

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TO : Department of State

INFO : Ankara

FROM : Ambassador Istanbul

DATE: July 16, 1968

SUBJECT: Memorial Arrangements Death of Senator Kennedy

REF : Ankara's A-665

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The Consulate General forwards attached its Condolence Book for presentation, if appropriate, to the Kennedy family. All calls and letters have been suitably acknowledged.

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TO : Department of State LIMDIS

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FROM : Amembassy SANTO DOMINGO

DATE: 7 July 68

SUBJECT : Transmitting Bosch Letter

REF : SD-2762 ARA

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1. Attached are five copies of a letter dated June 9 and sent to PRD confidant Sacha VOLMAN from party mentor Juan BOSCH. In the letter, Bosch points out how he had predicted that Robert Kennedy would be killed, and how the US people are allegedly dominated by the power structure. The US people are "Pentagonized", and there is no chance that the US will change its reckless policies either toward Latin America or the rest of the world; if the US withdraws from Viet-Nam, it will be for internal political reasons, and only to fight another day somewhere else. The US will continue applying its established methods in the DR, and Volman and PEÑA GÓMEZ are mistaken if they hope for any change in this. Only the Dominican people can help themselves, and then only by severing ties with the US and looking elsewhere. It is useless to try to remove the PRD's "communist" stigma, for the party's enemies are convinced of this, and President Johnson himself called PRDers communists. Finally, Bosch expresses himself firmly against the US trip of the PRD delegation to the Robert Kennedy funeral observances (see reference) by pointing out the risks involved and by charging that the US seeks servants, not allies.

2. Volman asked that the letter be shown to the Ambassador, in the belief that it clearly demonstrates the difficulties he (Volman) and Secretary General PEÑA GÓMEZ are having with Bosch, who charges them with a naive and soft attitude toward the U.S. Volman also believes that the letter by inference refutes the idea that Peña GÓMEZ is by nature or commitment anti-US.

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3. For obvious reasons, the distribution of this letter should be limited and the source strictly protected.

4. Comment:

A. Bosch's letter speaks for itself and is perhaps of most value in demonstrating the lengths to which Bosch's bitterness and frustration have driven him. His anti-Americanism clearly extends not only to the Johnson Administration but to the US people per se with the rationalization that they have been hopelessly "Pentagonized" and that nothing good may be expected of them. In a clear call to abandon hope for the democratic achievement of power in favor of the route of violent revolution, he advises all Dominicans seeking to transform their country to break their ties with the US and to take their struggle elsewhere, for "anything else is a waste of time and energy."

B. The letter does appear to show, as Volman suggests, that Peña Gómez is at odds with Bosch concerning PRD/US relations; and this basic disagreement with the former PRD President extends to other party leaders as well, according to Volman's description of their reactions to the letter.


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Enclosure: *att 5*

Five (5) copies of Bosch letter.

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JUAN BOSCH

Benidorm, Alicante, ESPAÑA.
9 de junio de 1968.

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Sr. Sacha Volman,
245 East, 80 Street, Apt. 12-C,
New York City, N. Y.

Querido Sacha:

Andas con dos meses de adelanto, puesto que re-
chaste tu carta del día 8 en agosto y no en junio.
Cuando la recibí ya estaban viajando para New York
José Francisco, Cundo Gil, Mani Espinal. José Fran-
cisco me dijo que iban al entierro de Bobbie Kennedy,
pero en realidad para mí eso es un pretexto. José Fran-
cisco cree todavía en la posibilidad de que los Esta-
dos Unidos cambien su política sobre la América Lati-
na; y yo creo que la muerte de Bobbie demuestra que
los norteamericanos no pueden cambiar nada; al contra-
rio, irán cada vez más hacia la locura internacional
aunque se retiren de Vietnam. Porque estoy convenci-
do de esto decía que a Bobbie lo matarían, y la pobre
Carmen me pedía que no lo dijera, que no repitiera e-

funcionando la maquinaria de poder como hasta ahora
y para que siga aplicando en Santo Domingo los méto-
dos que ha estado aplicando allí; y José
Francisco y tú se equivecan si tienen la menor espe-
ranza de que eso cambie. Lo único que podría hacer
cambiar la situación un poco --no mucho-- sería la
lucha del pueblo dominicano. Pero comprendo que José
Francisco mantenga su esperanza porque habiendo sido
un demócrata convencido le cuesta mucho trabajo y mu-
cho dolor aceptar que la democracia norteamericana es
una mentira monumental y ya no puede volver a ser lo
que fue.

Por otra parte, también le duele a José Francisco
que lo acusen --y nos acusen-- de comunista. Y yo me
pregunto si hay manera de cambiar esa situación. Nada
puede cambiarla. Fue Johnson, el presidente de los Es-
tados Unidos quien nos acusó de comunistas, y nadie po-
drá quitarnos esa acusación de encima. Pero no tiene
ningún sentido querer demostrar que no somos comunis-
tas si resulta que nuestros enemigos están convenci-
dos de que lo somos. Lo que tiene que hacer José Fran-
cisco y lo que tienen que hacer todos los dominicanos
que quieren transformar su país en otra cosa es preci-

2 so, como si la amenaza contrala vida de ese estupendo muchacho estuviera en mis palabras y no en el seno de la sociedad norteamericana, que ya no tiene salida si no es por el camino de la violencia colectiva y personal. Una dominicana que vive en España me llamó por teléfono al día siguiente del atentado de Los Angeles y me dijo que cuando me oyó decir que a Bobbie le iban a matar pensó que yo estaba hablando por pasión, pero que reconocía que no era así. También al oírme hablar de la política norteamericana en Santo Domingo y en América Latina alguien puede pensar que estoy apasionado y racionalizo esa pasión. Pero le cuento que estoy convencido de que la maquinaria del poder de los Estados Unidos domina a los hombres de ese país y esa maquinaria no dará marcha atrás. Se retirará de Vietnam por razones de política interna, pero atacará en otro sitio, o por lo menos reformará su poderío en los países débiles de América. Hasta hoy, domingo día 9, ya enterado Bobbie, en todos los Estados Unidos no ha habido la menor protesta por el asesinato de Los Angeles, lo que indica que yo tengo razón cuando digo que el pueblo de los Estados Unidos está pentagonizado y no luchará contra el poder que lo lleva hacia una catástrofe. Hay, pues, las condiciones adecuadas para que siga

4 samente romper sus nexos con esa llamada democracia norteamericana y luchar en otro campo. Todo lo demás es perder tiempo y energías.

Yo tengo mis ideas sobre el viaje de los muchachos. Espero que me llegue la noticia de que han sido desconsiderados por algún inspector de Inmigración o por la policía o por algún funcionario, como le sucedió a José Francisco en mayo de 1966. El viaje ha sido hecho por cuenta y riesgo de ellos. José Francisco me lo comunicó la noche antes de su salida y yo le dije que estaba bien porque no podía hacer otra cosa. Pero no lo apruebo. No apruebo nada que signifique el menor esfuerzo para llegar a un entendimiento con los norteamericanos, porque ellos buscan sirvientes, no aliados; y lo que es peor, no pueden aceptar aliados debido a que su política de poder no les permite respetar ningún límite, ningún compromiso. Su maquinaria de poder es demasiado grande y marcha aplastando todo lo que halla a su paso, y no hay en los Estados Unidos quien detenga esa maquinaria ni quien pueda detenerla. Y el que lo duda, que resucite a Robert Kennedy.

Gracias por tus atenciones con doña Carmen. Un abrazo con mi viejo afecto.

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FROM : AmEmbassy PRETORIA

DATE:

SUBJECT : Reactions to Assassination of Senator Kennedy

REF : Emb Cape Town A-52

Enclosed are the following items relating to the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy:

1. Books of Condolences from the American Embassy and Consulate General, Cape Town; the American Embassy, Pretoria; the American Consulate General, Durban; and the American Consulate General, Johannesburg.
2. An envelope of correspondence addressed directly to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy and/or the Kennedy family.
3. Correspondence addressed to the Ambassador, the Consuls General and to their offices expressing condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy, and some of the replies thereto.
4. Newspaper accounts on the assassination of Senator Kennedy from the following representative South African newspapers: Die Burger (Cape Town); The Cape Argus (Cape Town); The Cape Times (Cape Town); Daily Dispatch (East London); The Daily News (Durban); The Natal Mercury (Durban); The Pretoria News (Pretoria); Rand Daily Mail (Johannesburg); The Star (Johannesburg); Die Vaderland (Johannesburg); and The World (Johannesburg).

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5. Miscellaneous items, consisting of a photograph of Mrs. Albert Luthuli preparing to sign the Condolence Book for **Senator Kennedy** at the American Consulate General, Durban; a photograph of the memorial service for **Senator Kennedy** in Johannesburg; and a copy of the program for the memorial service for **Senator Kennedy** in Durban.

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FROM : Amembassy SINGAPORE

DATE: July 5, 1968

SUBJECT : Singapore Memorial Activities for Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Following the shooting of Senator Kennedy on June 5, 1968 and his death on June 6, the Embassy in Singapore was the focal point for numerous expressions of shock and grief on the part of both the American community here and the Singapore population. The Embassy responded in several ways to provide a channel for individual and organized expressions of concern and sympathy. Information was

Enclosures: *Att*

1. Letters from the Ambassador to Mrs. Kennedy and Senator Edward Kennedy.
2. Two (2) copies of the eulogy delivered by Ambassador Galbraith at the memorial service on June 9.
3. Newspaper clippings from Singapore papers.
4. Photographs taken by members of the Embassy staff.
5. Letters of thanks from the Ambassador to the clergymen who officiated at the memorial service and to the Head Prefect of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus.
6. Letters of condolence from diplomatic representatives in Singapore and from local residents, with replies.
7. Letters of condolence without return addresses.
8. Letters from persons under the impression that the condolence book was a memorial book about Senator Kennedy which would be given out on request.
9. The condolence book from the American Embassy, Singapore, June 1968.

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provided in response to inquiries; a condolence book was made available at the Ambassador's residence and then at the Embassy itself; the Ambassador delivered the eulogy at a memorial service sponsored by the combined American churches; and letters of condolence coming to the Embassy were answered by a letter from the Ambassador.

On the day of the shooting, in a remarkable personal gesture considering the lack of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the Charge d'Affaires of the United Arab Republic telephoned the Ambassador to express his shock and regrets. A similar telephone call was made by the second officer in the U.A.R. mission to the Deputy Chief of Mission.

During the day between the shooting and the Senator's death, the Embassy answered numerous inquiries by providing the latest news that had reached us through the various media. The Marine Guards were given a statement which was periodically revised as the situation changed.

Following the Senator's death, arrangements were made to make available a condolence book at the Ambassador's residence on Sunday, June 9, the day of national mourning. The book was available from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and nearly two hundred people signed the book during the course of the day. A Marine guard was posted by the book as an honor guard, and junior officers of the Embassy acted as escorts to greet and thank callers. Mr. E.W. Barker, Singapore's Minister of Law and National Development, signed the book on behalf of the Government of Singapore. The signing was covered by press and television photographers and carried later in the local press and on television. Among the others who came during the day were the Chief Justice of Singapore, the wife of the Foreign Minister, and most of the Ambassadors and other foreign representatives in the Republic.

During the course of the following week the condolence book was kept in the lobby of the Embassy, and numerous other Americans and Singaporeans signed the book during this time. On Tuesday, June 11, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. John Gorton, present in Singapore on an official visit, called at the Embassy in order to sign the book and to convey his condolences to the Ambassador. He and Mrs. Gorton were greeted by the Ambassador and Mrs. Galbraith and his visit to the Embassy was recorded by the Embassy photographer. The Prime Minister later sent a personal note to the Ambassador as well.

A memorial service for Senator Kennedy was held in the Wesley Methodist Church in the afternoon of Sunday, June 9. Organized and sponsored by the combined American churches in Singapore, the service was attended by some two hundred people. Most of those present were Americans, but

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a considerable number of non-Americans attended as well. Minister Barker again represented the Government of Singapore. Ambassador Galbraith delivered the eulogy and two of the local American clergymen read lessons and led prayers. Moving but dignified, the service was a fitting memorial to the Senator. Requiem masses were also held for Senator Kennedy on Friday, June 14, at the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus.

During the days following the assassination the Embassy received numerous letters and other tributes from people in all walks of life in Singapore. Among these were several poems, one memorial story, and a letter from a "young American" that ended, "Today I cry for America and I hope Mr. Ambassador that my people will hear me." Where possible these letters were answered by the Ambassador, expressing his appreciation and that of the Kennedy family for the thoughts and sympathy of the writers. The Ambassador has also written personal letters of condolence to Mrs. Robert Kennedy and to Senator Edward Kennedy, enclosing copies of the eulogy delivered at the memorial service on Sunday.

These were the most significant events in Singapore related to the death of Senator Kennedy and the reaction here to his death. The scale of purely private mourning cannot be accurately reported, but numerous social events were cancelled during the weekend following the assassination out of respect for the Senator and his family.

As attachments to this airgram, the Embassy is forwarding to the Department the condolence book, two copies of the eulogy delivered by Ambassador Galbraith at the memorial service, letters of condolence received by the Embassy together with copies of our replies, a newspaper clipping describing the memorial activities here, and several photographs taken by members of the Embassy staff.



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Singapore
June 18, 1968

Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy
Glen Cove, New York 11542

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

I would like you to know how many in far away Singapore join Mrs. Galbraith and me and others in the Embassy to mourn your husband.

I attach a copy of my eulogy to him that expresses, insofar as I could find words, how I felt. I will be forwarding to you and your family through the Department of State the letters of condolence, the book signed at my Residence, photographs and other evidence of the spontaneous response of Singaporeans to our deep loss.

May God help you and the children to strength and to comfort.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Enclosure:
Copy of Eulogy

Singapore
June 18, 1968

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I want to inform you of how people in Singapore shared in America's sorrow and grief over Senator Robert Kennedy's death.

I was in charge of our Embassy in Djakarta when President Kennedy died and I remember the amazing number of people from all walks of life who at that time spontaneously showed their feelings for him and for our country. There has been a similar showing of feeling here in Singapore, as I am confident there was everywhere, for Senator Robert Kennedy. Hundreds came to the Embassy Residence on Sunday, June 9 to sign a condolence book. Services by a combined group of American protestant pastors on June 9 and later by Catholic Missions here, were heavily attended. We have received many letters eloquent of feeling and sympathy for you and your family and all of us who share your loss. I will send a complete report on the Singapore response to you and others in the Kennedy family through the Department of State as soon as I feel that the response, which is still going on, has been fulfilled. But I wanted you to have this brief account and to be able to express to you and members of your family my own deep sympathy. I enclose a copy of the eulogy I delivered at one of the church services, in which I tried to express how I felt.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Enclosure:
Copy of Eulogy



EULOGY TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY

given by

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS J. GALBRAITH

at

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, SINGAPORE

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1968

Fellow Americans. Friends of America.

I speak to you today at a time of national, indeed of international sorrow.

All of us have known sorrow; most of us have known suffering; some of us have known tragedy. But a tragedy such as this second assassination of a Kennedy in public life makes us realize the limitations of the spoken word in trying to convey what is in our minds and hearts.

Some of us knew Robert Kennedy as an individual and as an official of the Government of the United States. As a member of the late President Kennedy's cabinet, the more recently as a candidate for our highest elective office, he was much in the public eye.

As perhaps the most colorful member of a large and colorful family, he drew attention wherever he moved -- and he was never still. He provoked as much acclaim, adulation, criticism, and controversy at home and abroad, as any man I know of his age in public life.

Senator Robert Kennedy would have been 43 years old on the 20th of next November. That was the age of John Kennedy when he was elected President.

Senator Kennedy was a sophomore at Harvard when his eldest brother Joseph was killed in World War II. Robert pleaded with Navy Secretary Forrestal and got a transfer from Naval ROTC in college to duty in war aboard the destroyer named the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., in honor of his fallen brother.

After a short Navy career he returned to Harvard where he displayed again that fierce competitive courage that was to mark his too-short life: weighing a mere 150 pounds he played end to the varsity football team.

After Harvard he went to the University of Virginia Law School. The Dean of the Law School there said that if he had been as much interested in grades as he was in public affairs, he would have been an honor student.

After law school Robert Kennedy's first position was with the U.S. Government, in the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. When newly elected President John Kennedy appointed him head of the Justice Department, as Attorney General, in 1961, it provoked a lot of criticism. But when as Attorney General Robert became one of the President's most valued

advisers and, next to the President himself, one of the most decisive, active and powerful men in the U.S. Government, the carping about his inexperience and unsuitability subsided.

In 1964 Robert Kennedy ran for the Senate from the state of New York, overwhelming the popular Republican incumbent. Robert Kennedy's election marked the first time in our history that three brothers ever served in the U.S. Senate.

Robert Kennedy spurned the approved role of the quiet "freshman" Senator, earning once again both praise and denunciation. Time and again he spoke out on the subjects he felt strongly about. His advocacy of civil rights and of welfare for the poor and underprivileged won him the respect and adulation of the unfortunate. He had the capacity, perhaps strange for one born with a silver spoon in his mouth, to sympathize with the deprived, the defeated, the forgotten. Those who reported on him at close hand in these things say there was nothing false or opportunistic in his concern for the downtrodden, that he really cared. He conducted his presidential campaign as a passionate crusader for the less fortunate in America and elsewhere.

Above all, of course, he appealed to the young, for he never lost those youthful qualities of idealism and thirst for adventure, even though lines had begun to show in his face and grey to fleck his hair.

With his wealth and privilege in this day of much comfort and self-indulgence, it would have been easy for him to reiterate the age-old shoulder-shrugging words: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The whole of his too-brief working life was devoted to the service of his country and of his fellow man.

He knew it was a hard and dangerous path he had chosen. But adversity and danger never deterred him -- indeed he sought them out.

Shortly before his tragic death Robert Kennedy expressed his awareness of the dangers of his exposure in the political arena. But he did not fear for himself. Nor did he fear for America. He dared to dream, and to do, and he accomplished much. He went far. But he always looked onwards and upwards, to the top of the mountain.

Someone once asked Robert Kennedy what he had done that pleased him most. He replied that the best thing he had ever done was to marry Ethel.

It is to her and their children, to the many-times-bereaved mother of Robert Kennedy, to his aged and ailing father, and to all the Kennedy family, that our hearts and our prayers go in this dark, sad hour for them -- and for all who love and admire the brave.

In honoring Robert Kennedy let us resolve that this great tragedy shall not have been in vain and by our thoughts, words and deeds give as courageously and as unselfishly as he did to make this a better world for all.

In proclaiming this day a day of national mourning in honor of Robert F. Kennedy, President Johnson said: "This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

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BARKER SIGNS THE CONDOLENCE BOOK

ACTING Foreign Minister, Mr. E. W. Barker, signs the condolence book for assassinated American Senator Robert Kennedy.

The book was available to the public all day today at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Francis Galbraith, at Swettenham Road.

Mr. Barker called there in the late afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Barker. They went there straight after a memorial service for the Senator at the Wesley Methodist Church in Fort Canning Road.

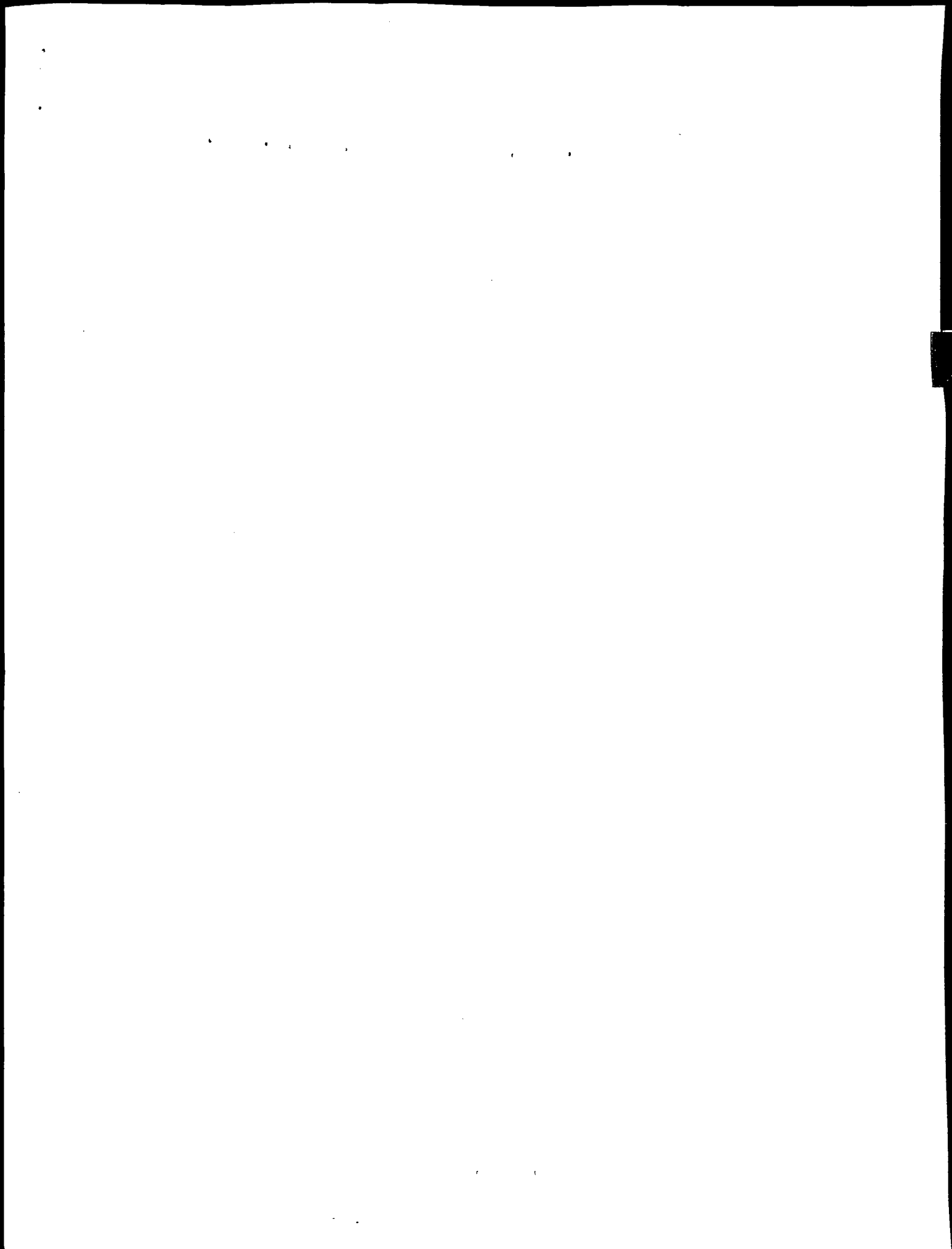
A large number of people, American residents here and young local girls—admirers of Kennedy—queued up to sign the flag - flanked book.

From The Straits Times, Singapore, Monday, June 10, 1968

Mass for Kennedy

SINGAPORE, Thurs. — Pupils of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus will hold requiem masses at the Good Shepherd Cathedral on Friday at 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for late Robert Kennedy.

From The Malay Mail, Singapore, Thursday, June 13, 1968





Marine Guard and Junior Officer on duty as a visitor
signs the condolence at the Embassy Residence, June 9, 1968.



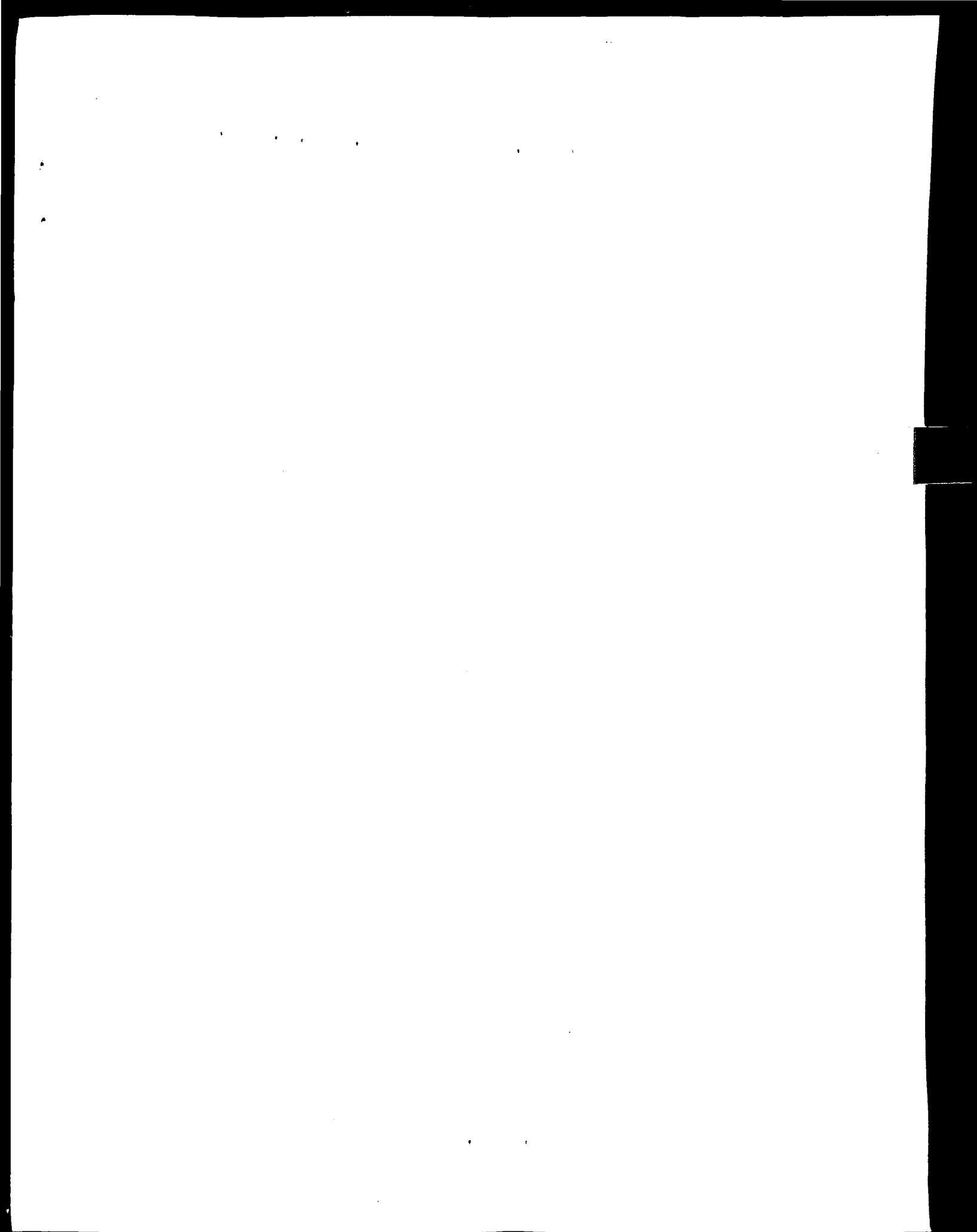
Marine Guard on duty, with visitors waiting to sign the condolence book, June 9, 1968.



The Prime Minister of Australia, John Gorton, signs the condolence book on June 11, 1968. Mrs. Gorton looks on, with Ambassador Galbraith in the background.



Prime Minister Gorton speaking with Ambassador Galbraith,
as Mrs. Gorton signs the condolence book on June 11, 1968.



Singapore
June 12, 1968

Reverend Vernon L. Hoffa
77 Prinsep Street
Singapore 7

Dear Reverend Hoffa:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your sponsoring and conducting the memorial service for Robert F. Kennedy at the Wesley Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The service was a fitting memorial to Senator Kennedy, and I know that your efforts and those of the others involved are appreciated by all those who were present.

I am enclosing a small contribution to your church from the Embassy as a token of our appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Singapore
June 12, 1968

Dr. Gunnar Tellmann
50 Barker Road
Singapore 11.

Dear Dr. Tellmann:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your sponsoring and conducting the memorial service for Robert F. Kennedy at the Wesley Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The service was a fitting memorial to Senator Kennedy, and I know that your efforts and those of the others involved are appreciated by all those who were present.

I am enclosing a small contribution to the Christian Counseling Center from the Embassy as a token of our appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

Francis J. Calbraith
Ambassador

Singapore
June 12, 1968

Miss Aileen Lau
Head Prefect
Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus
Secondary School
Victoria Street
Singapore 7

Dear Miss Lau:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 10 informing me that Requiem Masses will be said for the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy on Friday, June 14, at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd by the Reverend Father L. B. Danker.

I plan to attend the mass at 5:30 p.m. and have informed my staff of your invitation and the times of the masses.

Your kind invitation and your tribute to Senator Kennedy in this way is deeply appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador



In thee
place my trust



*The
Holy Sacrifice
of the
Mass*

*will be offered
for the repose of the soul*

*Through Thy Mother's
bitter sorrows
Lord most merciful, we pray.
Purify the soul departed
In Thy Precious Blood
this day.*

of SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

With Sincere Sympathy
C.H.S. SECONDARY.
VICTORIA STREET,
from SINGAPORE 7.

Rev. FR. L.B. DANKER (*L.B. Danker*)
at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd,
Queen Street, Singapore 7
at 7.30 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.

Credo Cards

Ref. C. H. I. J.

From

**CONVENT OF THE
HOLY INFANT JESUS.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Victoria Street,

SINGAPORE, 7.

TEL. 35787

MEMO.

admission - in
S 30 June
Date. 10th June, 1968.

To

Mr. F. Galbraith,

The American Embassy,

30, Hill St., S'pore

Sir,

We, the pupils of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus (Secondary School), Victoria Street, Singapore 7, wish to inform you that Requiem Masses will be said for the repose of the soul of the late Senator Robert Kennedy on Friday 14th June 1968 at 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Queen Street, Singapore 7.

We would appreciate it greatly if you and the members of your staff could attend any of the Masses on that day.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Elizabeth

(Principal)

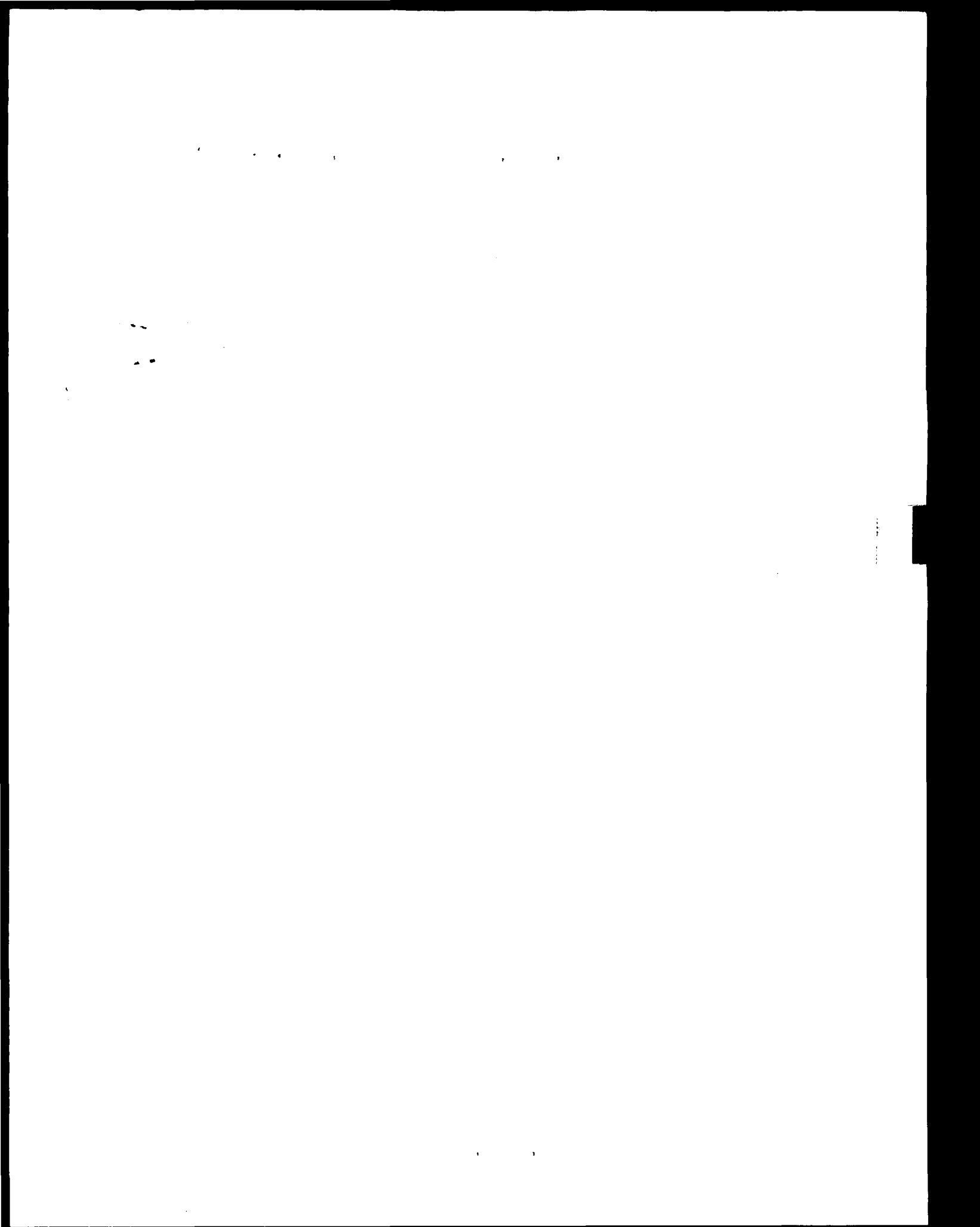
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C.H.I.J. SECONDARY.

VICTORIA STREET.

SINGAPORE. 7.



Singapore
June 12, 1968

His Excellency
Arthur J. de la Mare
High Commissioner for Britain
Maritime Building
Collyer Quay
Singapore 1

Dear Arthur:

It was very good of you to send me your letter of June 7 of condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy and to make the effort to sign the condolence book prior to your departure for Kuala Lumpur last Sunday. I put my condolences into an address of eulogy that I delivered later that day, which Betty attended, and I enclose a copy for you to read.

Your note will be forwarded to the Kennedy family through the Department of State and I know they will appreciate it as much as we do.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
MARITIME BUILDING
COLLYER QUAY
SINGAPORE

PERSONAL

7 June, 1968.

Dear Frank,

On behalf of Betty and myself, and of all the British community, I want to offer you our condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy.

It seems such a short while ago that I was writing a similar letter to John Steeves in Kabul about the death of President Kennedy. The shock that we all feel at the assassination of so distinguished a member of the United States Senate is all the greater when we remember the many tragedies which have afflicted the Kennedy family. I know that all of us are thinking particularly today not only of Senator Kennedy's widow and children but also of his mother, a woman who has had to face far more sorrow than should be the lot of any human being.

Yours sincerely
AJL

(A.J. de la Mare)

His Excellency Mr. Francis J. Galbraith,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Singapore.

Singapore
June 12, 1968

H.E. Dr. Dante Pollici
Ambassador of the Republic of Italy
1 Goodwood Hill
Singapore 10

Dear Dante:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador



Ambasciata d'Italia

Singapore

l'Ambasciatore

8th June, 1968.

Dear Francis,

It was with deep regret that I heard of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

In this tragic moment of great sorrow for your Country, my wife and I wish to express to you and Mrs. Galbraith our most sincere sympathy for the loss of Senator Kennedy and the renewed assurances of our friendship.

Yours sincerely

Dante Pollici
(Dante Pollici)

H.E. Mr. Francis J. Galbraith,
Ambassador of the United States
Of America,
17, Swettenham Road,
Singapore, 10.

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. K Hasegawa
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Embassy of Japan
Shaw House (5th Floor)
Orchard Road
Singapore 9

Dear Mr. Hasegawa:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I am forwarding your letter to Washington where it may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate the thoughts and sympathy of yourself, your Ambassador and the Japanese people at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador



EMBASSY OF JAPAN

TELEPHONE:
24592/3

SHAW HOUSE (5TH FLOOR)
ORCHARD ROAD
SINGAPORE 9

7th June, 1968.

H.E. Mr. F.J. Galbraith,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
American Embassy,
30, Hill Street,
Singapore, 6.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

It was with profound grief and shock that I
learned the news of Senator Robert Kennedy's death.

We had all prayed for him to tide over the
wounds sustained that he may once again fight for
the peace of the world.

I wish to express heartfelt condolences over
his untimely death and this I do not only on behalf
of myself but of my Ambassador who happens to be
away in Tokyo and of the Japanese people.

Yours sincerely,

K. Hasegawa

K. HASEGAWA
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Embassy of Japan.

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Dr. F. A. Fravega Roygt
Consul General of the Republic of Argentina
4 Nassim Road
Singapore 10

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Ambassador

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has the honour to address His Excellency the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, Mr. Francis J. Galbraith and to convey to him his deepest condolences for the villainous and cowardly assassination of the Senator Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, an eminent figure in the American Continent and the Free World, who has died in the same manner as his brother in holocaust of the high ideals of Liberty and Democracy. To these sentiments of grief are added those of the staff of this Consular Representation, renewing to Your Excellency the assurances of his highest consideration and personal esteem.

Singapore, 7th June, 1968.

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R.E.No.76/968

Singapore
June 26, 1968

The Consul General of Saudi Arabia
Royal Consulate General of Saudi Arabia
Room A/D, 14th Floor
Asia Insurance Building
Finlayson Green
Singapore 1

Dear Mr. Alsagoff:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I know, as you indicated in your letter, that the Arab press along with the press of most of the world expressed shock and disapproval of this terrible crime. Please be assured that no group or people is considered responsible for this act, though it is indeed tragic that there are conditions in the world which can play on twisted minds and motivate such a deed.

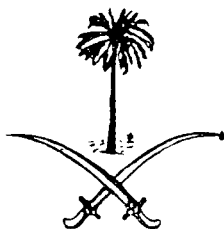
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سنگافورة

ROYAL CONSULATE GENERAL OF SAUDI ARABIA

Room A/D, 14th floor,
Asia Insurance Bldg.,
Finlayson Green,
Singapore-1.

20th June, 1968.

His Excellency Francis G. Galbraith Esq.,
Ambassador,
The American Embassy,
30 Hill Street,
Singapore-6.

Dear Excellency,

When the very sad news of the death of Mr. Robert Kennedy reached Singapore I was then in Malaysia and therefore I was not able to come to your Embassy earlier to sign in the condolences book. I could only do so on the 18th instant.

I officially now convey to you my deepest sympathy and express my sincere condolences on the great loss suffered by the American people by the death of Mr. Robert Kennedy.

You are in Singapore and do not of course read the various sections of the Arab press, both right and left. I, however, read these regularly and I can assure you that the entire Arab press has ^{disapproved} the crime and has expressed the greatest regret and pain for what has happened. All the Arab States and Governments have expressed their condemnation of the crime and their deepest sympathy to the Kennedy's family. In addition the leaders of the Arab Commandos who are resisting the Israel occupation have also disapproved the crime and have expressed their greatest regret.

The Arab Press has in particular mentioned that although the late Mr. Robert Kennedy uttered on more than one occasion sentiments in support of Israel the Arab World excuses such utterances because every candidate an important election in America must say something about Israel otherwise he is liable to lose many votes in the election.

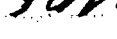
The Arab World still remembers and appreciates the attitude of the late President John Kennedy who was less in favour of Israel than any other American President. As a matter of fact because of the Israeli press criticised once the late President John Kennedy.

Although the accused killer of Mr. Robert Kennedy is an Christian Arab youth the Arab World considers that this youth must have been badly misled by the Communists, or very possibly by Israeli in disguise pretending to be Arab nationalists. Nothing would do more harm to the Arab cause under present day International circumstances than have an Arab accused of killing Mr. Robert Kennedy.

I send herewith a picture of the father of the accused killer of Mr. Robert Kennedy. This father and his family have been among the saddest people because of what has happened. The simple father when he heard the news said, "I am shocked by what my son did". The father also said that he was unable to believe that his son who was sharply intelligent could have descended to such a level. In one of the father's additional statements he also said that his son was a good Christian and that he must have been very badly misled and wrongly influenced.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,


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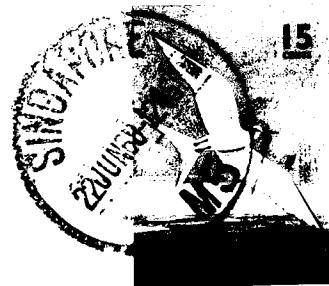
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دلائل مؤامرة وراء اغتيال روبرت كندي

رئيس بلدية لوس انجيليس يتهم الشيوعيين بالتحريض والدسرحان: لا بد أن إحدى الجهات دفعت له مبالغ كبيرة البحث عن المرأة الفامضة ذات الانف المضحك



Bishara Salamah Shirhan

السيد بشارة سلامة سرحان والد المتهم باغتيال



الحزن مخيم على افراد الجمهور الواقفين امام مستشفى «السامري الطيب» في لوس انجيلوس ، وقد انخرط اكثرهم في



والدة روبرت كندي وقد بدا على وجهها الحزن العميق .

واثارة قاتل السناتور كندي !
لن المرأة المرافقة !
وقد عزز هذا الاعتقاد المتكررة التي وجهها بوليس لوس انجيلوس الى جميع النقاط لاعتقال امرأة تذكر أنه قد تكون لها علاقة بالاغتيال . وقال متحدث بلسان البوليس ان سرحان شوهه بصحب امرأة قبل الحادث بقليل ووصفت هذه المرأة بأنها بيضاء يتراوح عمرها بين الثالثة والعشرين والسياسة والعشرين ويبلغ طولها ١٦٧ سنتيمترا . وكانت ترتدي ثوبا ابيض اللون عليه نقط سوداء وحذاء اسود .

وكانت امرأة من مرافقي السناتور كندي قد ذكرت انها شاهدت فتاة ذات « انف مضحك » وهي تتدفع باتجاه المخرج بعد ان هتفت « لقد اطلقنا النار عليه » وعندما سئلت عن الشخص المقصود قالت « السناتور كندي » ثم اندفع رجل عبر ممر في فندق

البقية على الصفحة ٧ -

اخذ الغموض يكتنف قضية اغتيال السناتور الأميركي روبرت كندي بعد مرور ساعات قليلة فقط من اعلان وفاته . فقد أبدت عدة جهات شكها في ان يكون القاتل الذي ذكر انه يدعى « سرحان بشارة سرحان » من مواليد قرية الطيبة القريبة من القدس المحتلة قد أقدم على فعلته بمفرده بل ان اقرباء المتهم ومعارفه اكسوا انه لا بد ان يكون قد دفعه احد الى القتل أو ان جهة ما دفعت له مبالغ كبيرة ليقوم بجريمته ، وقد اتجهت عدة اصابع اتهام نحو المنظمات الصهيونية « الشهيرة » بعملياتها المماثلة . واكد رئيس بلدية لوس انجيلوس ان « هناك مؤامرة مبررة لاغتيال كندي » واتهم الشيوعيين بتحريض سرحان على القتل ، وقال ان للمتهم اتصالات مع الحزب الشيوعي ومنظمات اخرى بتسلل اليها الشيوعيون او يسيطرون عليها » .

وقال ان سيارة المتهم شوهدت مرة خارج مبنى كانت تعقد فيه جمعية « و.ي.ب. دويوا » اجتماعا . وهي جمعية شيوعية واضاف : « هذه الجمعية الشريرة لعبت دورا في تحريض



السناتور روبرت كندي يحيى الجماهير المتفاجئة لمصالحته في احد المهرجانات الانتخابية .

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الى الرئيس الأميركي جونسون - البقية على الصفحة ٧ -
قال كندي قبل اسبوعين :

Singapore
June 12, 1968

Dear Molly:

Martha and I were touched by your eloquent note of condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy and by your support of our efforts to memorize the occasion with the condolence book and the church services.

Your note will be forwarded to the Kennedy family through the Department of State and I know they will appreciate it as much as we do.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Mrs. James H. Weir
28 Queen Astrid Park
Singapore 10

(FROM MRS. WEIR, WIFE OF
NEW ZEALAND'S HIGH COMMISSIONER
TO SINGAPORE)

28 Queen Aetrid Pk
Singapore '0.

Thursday, 6th.

Dear Martha,

Just wanted to say
how sick Jim & I feel over
this dreadful news about Sen.
Robert Kennedy. Having lived
in the 'Capitol city' we feel
that we can share something
of the horror & shock you must
be feeling at the wilful and
entirely senseless destruction of
this vigorous young American.

Know that we are thinking
of you, all American friends with
appreciate Sympathy.

Sincerely,
Aelie.

Singapore

June 17, 1968

Mrs. Jacqueline Ann Thompson
& Miss Magdalene Lee
c/o Union Carbide (s) Ltd.
P. O. Box 42
Bukit Panjang Post Office
Singapore 23

Dear Mrs. Thompson & Miss Lee:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your card and your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I am forwarding your letter and the card to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Thinking Of You In Your Sorrow



A
*little
book of
Comfort*



Dear Ethel

God Bless you and
your Dear little ones.

May this little book bring comfort,
May it help in some small way
To ease the grief and sorrow
Within your heart today...
May you find consolation
In its messages for you,
And may it help to show that
Many thoughts are with you, too.

Frederine Ann Thompson (Mrs.)
Margaret Lee (Miss)



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Introduction

The needs of human hearts are basically the same. It makes no difference if its owner lives in a Park Avenue apartment and drives a Cadillac or whether he dwells in a cottage and walks to work — his heart yearns to know God.

But the necessity of earning one's daily bread seems to consume most of our daylight hours. We go to the office or punch a time clock or clean the house . . . while relentless time marches on. Before we realize it, we have spent our lives as a tale that is told or as a watch in the night . . . and our never-dying souls have not been fed.

We know that we should take more time for communion with

God; but somehow the rugged realities of life demand our time to the point that we almost forget that "the grave is not the goal" of life.

If you find yourself pictured somewhere in the above description then this "Little Book of Comfort" is for you. No matter who you are or what your mission in life may be, God is the answer to the seeming jig-saw of your life.

Take up and read and God will give you life . . . eternal life. Read and believe, for "all things are possible (if we) only believe."

Sunrise with God

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1, 2).

Whether it be the rolling hills of Kansas or the steep majesty of the Rockies, to look up is inspiring.

But to catch a glimpse of the sun breaking across the rugged beauty of the land seems easily to turn one's mind toward God. It did for David ... it can for each of us.

David must have been up before the sun many times as he herded his sheep. And often must have met his Lord just as streamers of gold and silver spoke of a new day.

Try lifting up your eyes to the hills as David did, in the early morning hour, and you, too, will find the help that he spoke of.

Bishop Ralph Cushman emphasized this thought in his poem:

God's Presence

*I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like
sunrise—*

Like a glory in my breast.

*All day long this Presence
lingered,*

*All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.*

*Other ships were torn and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,*

*But the winds that seemed to drive
them*

Brought to me a peace and rest.

*Then I thought of other mornings
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I, too, had loosed the moorings
With this Presence left behind.*

*So I think I've learned the secret
Learned through many a troubled
way,*

*You must meet God in the morning
If you want Him through the day.*

It isn't easy to do . . . I know. But, to take a few moments with Him just as the sun comes up — when the house is still, and just the birds are peeping — is a blessed time. You may not be able to do it every morning, just occasionally. But, if you

meet Him in the morning often you'll find that the day is empty when you forget.

Such was the case with the disciples of our Lord who had spent the night fishing, in vain . . .

*But when the morning was now
come, Jesus stood on the shore . . .
Then Jesus saith unto them, Chil-
dren, have ye any meat? They an-
swered him, No.*

*And he said unto them, Cast the
net on the right side of the ship,
and ye shall find. They cast there-
fore, and now they were not able
to draw it for the multitude of
fishes . . .*

*As soon then as they were come to
land, they saw a fire of coals there,
and fish laid thereon, and bread . . .*

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine . . . (John 21:4-12).

God bids us through His Son, Jesus, to meet Him in the morning . . . if you want Him through the day.

Abide in Him

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler (Psalm 91-1-4).

All of us have known fear. Fear of hunger . . . fear of want . . . fear of death. Everyone — regardless of race or creed — has been afraid.

And it's mighty comforting to know that when moments of fear

and insecurity come . . . we have God to turn to. David found Him in his lonely shepherd days. He found Him to be his refuge against fear and danger.

Now God's Son speaks to us in like manner and calls us unto Himself saying:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

"Dwell in the secret place," and He will deliver us. Come unto Him and He will give us rest. He promised to lift the heavy load of sin

and frustration from our shoulders and bear it Himself.

This, then, is the secret of it all—abiding in Him. Dwelling in Him and allowing Him to dwell in us. Allowing His presence to fill us and permeate us and fill our entire being. And, if we do this . . . abide in Him, He has promised:

Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7).

He is saying: If you have sought Me and accepted Me and have become vitally united with Me you are so much a part of Me that we are one. Because of that fact you can ask anything you wish and I will do it.

Think what that means. No more need to fear anything! David said it rightly when he said, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and

under his wings shalt thou trust."

William Cullen Bryant pictured this thought in the poem:

To a Waterfowl

*Vainly the fowler's eye
Might mark thy distant flight to
do thee wrong,
As, darkly seen against the
crimson sky,
Thy figure floats along...
There is a Power whose care
Teaches thy way along that
pathless coast—
The desert and illimitable air—
Lone wandering, but not lost...
He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will lead my steps aright.*

So, there's no need to fear...
Because in the midst of life He will
stand by our side, saying:

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee;
be not dismayed; for I am thy God;
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will
help thee; yea, I will uphold thee
with the right hand of my right-
eousness (Isaiah 41:10).*

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, teach us today the
simple yet profound secret of abid-
ing in Thee. Help us to see that in
all of life we need not fear because
Thou dost see us... and will over-
shadow us... and will be our refuge,
if we will only come to Thee. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Strength from Above

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Most of us have admired the

muscles of a strong man with envious eyes. One such young man sidled up to a heavily muscled giant and sighed until his attention was attracted.

"Mister, do you know what I'd do if I had muscles like you?"

"No, what would you do?"

"Why, sir, I'd go out into the woods and catch me the biggest bear I could find."

The big man looked down upon the other for a moment, then replied, "Son, there are just lots of little bears out there."

Most of us have been guilty of listening to a saint of God pray and wish that we could pray like that. Or have wished for more strength or time with which to serve God.

But, the truth of the matter is...

we have failed to use the resources at hand. We seem to act as if God might tire of our prayers . . . so we fail to pray. Or act as if He didn't have enough grace or strength to go around, so we don't ask Him for any.

Read this verse again: *The Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary . . .*

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Think of it. We aren't dealing with man . . . but with God! The One who made all things . . . even us. The One who understands our needs much better than we understand them ourselves.

That includes you and me. "He giveth power to the faint." Power

to live for Him. Power to be used by Him. Power to be real witnesses for Him.

All of us get tired, even the young; but this good news includes both the young and old. However, there is an "if" involved. This promised power is only for those who will wait upon the Lord.

Await or stay until power comes. Then wait on Him in service.

Listen to Longfellow:

*Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.*

A verse to hide in our hearts:
In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul (Psalm 138:3).

Peace Like a River

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace (John 14:27, 16:33).

In a world beset by the constant specter of war, these words of Jesus are as meaningful today as in the day in which they were spoken. Peace—the very word brings to mind a gentle dove with an olive branch.

Peace. But notice Jesus said that He is the giver of peace. No war can make the world a peaceful place. Real peace must spring from the hearth . . . "not as the world

giveth," saith Jesus. It must come from Him.

In 1914 our young men sailed to France to fight a war to make the world safe for democracy. Many of those boys are buried in Flanders Field. "Lest we forget" became America's watchword.

But, we did forget. Oh, not the slogan, but what it stood for. And since then we've been engulfed in yet another world war! The result: many more boys gave their all . . . And still the world does not have or know peace.

It is clear, then, that Jesus wasn't speaking of world peace, . . . not as the world giveth . . . But He went on to say these words of comfort: "...in me ye... have peace."



*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways,
Reclothe us in our rightful mind.
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain
and stress*

*And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.*

—Author Unknown

A Scripture for today:

*Great peace have they which love
thy law (Psalm 119:165).*

Prayer for today:

Dear Lord, teach us to allow Thee
to fill us with Thy peace that we
in turn might be called the peace-
makers. In Thy name, Amen.

Why Worry? . . . Pray

Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Matthew 7:7, 8).

Jesus spoke these words to a large crowd including His disciples. He spoke with sincerity the message that the world needed then . . . and needs now.

He knew that many in that crowd had been guilty (as we are) of carrying their own burdens. But He wants to carry the load with us . . . to share our load.

Today we are concerned about many things. But, actually they are

more than just concerns. They are just out and out worries! Let's face it. That's what they are!

But, why shouldn't we worry? There's a car payment about due. Grocery money is shrinking . . . with no relief in sight. The old winter coat just won't last another season. No wonder we worry!

So it was with the crowd who must have looked at Jesus strangely, because He told them not to worry. He said: *Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your

heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? . . .

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . .

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself (Matthew 6:25-34).

One day Jesus' disciples came to Him with a request similar to one often heard today . . . teach us to pray . . . Not how to pray. Not the form nor the method nor the style of praying. But, rather, their request was . . . teach us to pray.

Some men would say they do not know how to pray. But, could that be so? Prayer is really just a needy heart communing with a great all-sufficient God.

Across the top of a church in California someone saw a sign, "Why pray when you can worry?" Jesus comes to us with the good news that we need not worry . . . we can pray.

John Greenleaf Whittier must have been inspired to write the following lines:

The Eternal Goodness

*I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.*

*And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.*

*No offering of my own I have,
Nor works my faith to prove;
I can but give the gifts He gave,
And plead His love for love...*

*I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care...*

*And thou, O Lord! by whom are
seen*

*Thy creatures as they be,
Forgive me if too close I lean
My human heart on Thee!*

There really is no reason to worry when such a God is looking down upon us . . . in compassion and love. So, let's not worry—let's pray.

A Scripture for Today: *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (John 16:24).*

God Has the Answer

So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown (Job 2:7).

All this trouble beside the death of his sons and his daughters, his possessions taken by force—and his wife's bitter demand for him to . . . *curse God, and die.*

Yet Job had the simple trust in God to cling to Him. A lesser person might have turned upon his Maker and cursed Him. Maybe even you or I. But, not Job. Instead, he reverently spoke . . . *the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord (Job 1:21).*

A young couple lost their only

child. They demanded an answer of God and when none came they turned away from Him. A very promising Christian young person, —planning to enter the ministry, was killed in an auto accident.

Why? Why couldn't it have been different? We cannot know, but God has the answer. We see just a tiny segment of life at a time. He sees the end from the beginning. We live mainly for the present . . . not thinking of what eternity might hold. God is eternity.

A consecrated couple became parents of a little girl . . . only to discover she was afflicted and could not live. Why did it happen to them? They never knew, but God has the answer.

Perhaps you have been troubled

with a problem that has bowed your head with anxiety . . . with no answer in sight. Perhaps you've reached the end of your finances. Maybe you've come to the place where you are ready to question God's wisdom and judgment. What should you do?

What did Job say to that one? Listen: *What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?* Yet his anguish was so severe that when his friends came to comfort him they . . . *knew him not . . . So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great (Job 2:10, 12, 13)*

David found the answer too. He didn't demand an answer, but God gave it in the notes of a psalm:

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble . . .

Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee . . .

Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel . . .

Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God (Psalm 20:1-7).

That is the answer . . . it must be. Trust in God. Some trust in bank accounts and others in real estate, but in the words of David:

We will remember the name of the Lord our God.

A Psalm of Life

*Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.*

*Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout
and brave,
Still, like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.*

*In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!*

*Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,—act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead...*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

We do not know the answers . . . only God does. We cannot know the future . . . only God can. But, we can trust in Him so explicitly that no matter what comes or goes, no matter how life treats us, we will do as Job did and say as he said, . . . *the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.*

A Verse to Remember: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5, 6).*

God's Loving Care

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble...

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men (Psalm 107:23-31).

Only one who has seen and felt the terrifying power of a mighty storm can appreciate one. Green and white combers curling across a ship's decks have caused more than one man to call on God.

Most sailors believe in God. They have seen the peaceful lapping of wavelets along a sandy beach. They have seen those same wavelets, churned to a frenzy by the wind, tear steel plates from a ship. They can see and appreciate the hand of God over His creation.

But, it isn't just the sailors that God is interested in. He loves the farmer... and causes His rain to

fall and His sun to shine upon their crops.

He loves the mother and declares that even in the pain and fear of bringing a new life into the world—His hand is upon her, and He loves her.

In fact, any one of God's creatures who has seen or felt the works of His hands — He loves. David cried out in sheer wonder of it all: *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet (Psalm 8:3-6).

Jesus spoke words of comfort to His disciples one day, just before He sent them out to tell others the good news of salvation:

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows (Matthew 10:29-31).

Do you catch the implication? God, the Creator of the ends of the earth is interested in you and me, He actually cares for us! Isaiah saw

the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up. High above us,
so high that our minds can never
reach His.

Yet He sent His Son Jesus to
reach down beneath us and lift us
up to heaven.

God loves us . . . and understands.
He hears us . . . when we lift our
hands, and call His name.

*A Verse to Remember: Humble
yourselves therefore under the mighty
hand of God . . . Casting all your
care upon him; for he careth for
you (1 Peter 5:6, 7).*



Gathering Clouds

(Elijah) . . . went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life . . .

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away . . .

And the Lord said unto him . . .

Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal (1 Kings 19:4-18).

Even one of God's chosen, even after a "mountaintop" experience, can get discouraged. Elijah had just challenged and won a great victory over the priests of Baal.

Now . . . utter despondence. Why? Who knows? It makes about as much sense as one of our own trips into the "valley."

One day that dynamic preacher, Martin Luther, was despondent and showed it. Soon he became aware that his wife was clad completely in black—for mourning.

"Why do you wear black?" he asked in amazement. "For whom do you mourn?"

"For God," she replied. "You act as if He were dead."

He realized how silly it all was and changed his attitude.

But, we all do it... get discouraged. It seems that friends are not friendly... nobody understands our problems... heartaches come. Our love grows cold and it almost seems that God has died.

At such a time, why not do as David did? He praised the Lord. It may seem that you do not have much to praise Him for... but you do. We all do. Try it just the same. Soon you will feel your heart grow warm.

Share with him his praises to God in Psalm 138.

I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine ene-

mies, and thy right hand shall save me.

It seems that we are so alone at times . . . even in the midst of a crowd . . . we feel alone. Elijah felt it, so did David . . . so have most of us.

But, remember what God said to Elijah? Elijah claimed that he alone stood for good and God. But the Lord spoke to him and wiped the doubts away, *Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel.*

He wasn't alone. Neither are you and I. God knows the heavy load we carry, that was one reason He sent His Son, Jesus. For, one day as Jesus realized the heartaches of the people He spoke to meet their need. He said, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

So when the clouds begin to gather and lie dark and black upon the horizon . . . just turn to Him in prayer.

Prayer for today:

Our heavenly Father, forgive us when we sometimes forget that Thou hast come to bear our burdens and bring forgiveness and peace to our hearts. Grant to us the sense of Thy nearness during even the darkest of days. And, most of all . . . help us to allow Thee to help carry our loads. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In the Shadows

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever (Psalm 23:1-6).

Anguish grips your soul, fear fills your heart. God has seen fit to take that loved one home. The family circle is broken tonight. There is nowhere to turn.

But, wait, there is hope. David experienced very deep sorrow; yet in the midst of it all God came very near. Listen to him:

Why art thou cast down. O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God (Psalm 42:5).

Hope thou in God. He is our hope . . . and when all else has failed . . . our only hope.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil . . . But there is

more: *In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock (Psalm 27:5).*

But, you say, I wasn't ready to let him go. I still needed him and depended upon him. I can't understand why . . . I know not what to do. Yes, it is dark—and lonely. And you must feel weak and alone. But, in the midst of those shadows there is One who cares and understands, for:

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore will not we fear, though
the earth be removed, and though
the mountains be carried into the
midst of the sea;*

Though the waters thereof roar

and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. . .

*The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our refuge. . .*

*Be still, and know that I am God
(Psalm 46:1-10).*

This, then is the secret: Turn to God. Lean upon Him. Place your trembling hand in His. Let His strength become your strength. Let Him breathe to you the reality of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem:

The Sleep

*Of all the thoughts of God that are
Born inward into souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if any is,
For gift or grace, surpassing this;
"He giveth His beloved—sleep."*

*"Sleep soft," beloved! we
sometimes say,
Who have no tune to charm away
Sad dreams that through the
eyelids creep:
But never doleful dream again
Shall break the happy slumber when
He giveth His beloved—sleep.
Ay, men may wonder while they scan
A living, thinking, feeling man
Confirmed in such a rest to keep;
But Angels say, and through the
word
I think their happy smile is heard—
"He giveth His beloved—sleep..."*

You may have been there when those trusting eyes looked up and smiled into yours, then closed... to open in Paradise. And with his trust in God, and in the Living

Christ... perhaps at this moment he has transferred the grip of his fingers to the hand of the One who tasted death for every man.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever (Psalm 23:6).*

Prayer for today:

Dear Lord, Thou dost see the falling tear and feel the breaking heart. Come close right now and fill the empty spot left by this departed one... with Thy love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Through the Veil

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former

things are passed away (Revelation 21:1-4).

There is life after death! Jesus Himself told about it . . . and made the way. One day as He spoke to His disciples; they were puzzled, and fearful as He began to tell them that one day soon He would have to leave them. He tried to calm their fears:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:1-3).

Some think of heaven as a place of eternal freedom from work. Others, as a place where there will never be any shortages... or wars... or economic problems. No one knows for sure what it will be like on the other side of that veil... but someday, if we live close to Him... we will find out.

But we do know a little about heaven. Good things. No tears, or death, or sorrow, or pain. God shall be there to personally wipe away tears. And Jesus will be there. He's there now, sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for you and me... waiting.

And the city will be wondrous to behold. Twelve gates made of twelve pearls! Streets of pure gold,

clear as glass! But, there is more, Listen:

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there...

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth...

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the

Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever (Revelation 21:22-25, 27; 22:3-5).

It's worth waiting for and working for and living for . . . in fact, to get to heaven will be worth it all. All we've ever gone through. Pain, persecution, long lonely nights . . . it'll be worth it all when we get to heaven!

Verse to Remember: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Sunset Musings

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened . . .

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7).

This precious spark God has given us is unique—it cannot be reproduced in a test tube or in any

laboratory. It is God's to give . . . and His to take away.

Life, as serious as it becomes at times, has its lighter moments . . . but when consideration is given to life itself—its real meaning and purpose—then we realize that it is merely a dressing room for eternity.

Longfellow phrases this very well.

Psalm of Life

*Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!—
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.*

*Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.*

As a child we all remember how endless the weeks could become. And the years . . . they never would pass. But, now, already too many have slipped by . . .

For some it is still early morning. With others the bright noonday with its still-high hopes has been reached. For others the "three score and ten" are nearly used up. The years have drawn nigh . . . there is no more pleasure in them. The light is becoming dim and the nights are long.

Sunset is not far away . . .

But, wait! Don't become panicky, Hope thou in God. *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*

Across the years you may have grown consciously closer to Him . . . now you are about to meet Him *face to face*. Glorious thought!

But, perchance, the years have slipped by too quickly, leaving you yet unprepared for the loosing of "the silver cord." But, take heart . . . and call upon Him. If you do, He has pledged Himself to answer you. For Jesus said . . . *him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37).*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24).

Sunsets can be beautiful. Even gray, forbidding clouds reflect the luster of their Maker and bring forth in profusion colors that have remained hidden throughout the daytime.

Don't be fearful, don't give place to that ominous chill that begins to slip up your spine. But, rather, take the advice of William Cullen Bryant in his poem.

Thanatopsis

*So live, that when thy summons
comes to join
The innumerable caravan that
moves
To that mysterious realm, where
each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls
of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave
at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but,
sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach
thy grave*

*Like one who wraps the drapery of
his couch
About him, and lies down to
pleasant dreams.*

A verse for the Sunset Hour: *The
Lord is my shepherd . . . Yea, though
I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me (Psalm 23:1, 4).*

Prayer for today:

Dear God, sunrise was a long time ago and nearly forgotten. Even high noon and its pleasant memories sometimes escapes me. Lone shadows and sunset come nigh. Simply, as You told us to do, I trust my soul into Thy care. In Jesus' name, Amen.

J. Thompson (Mrs)

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Dear Ethel,

we are 2 girls living in Singapore. you do not know us but we know you and we would like you to know, we also share your grief at this time

we have always admired your husband the late Senator R. Kennedy, and also not forgetting the late President J. Kennedy your beloved brother-in-law. we were shocked beyond words when we heard the news that he was shot over the air. The only thing we could do was to pray for his recovery, but sad to say that our prayers were answered in the way Our Lord thought best. We console ourselves with the thought that Our Lord works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform; and that a day will come when the entire family will be reunited in Heaven to sing forever his glories and mercies.

You are one of the very few who could look up to your late husband as an instrument of Our Lord's peace. He tried to sow love where there was hatred. He understood the feelings of people who felt cheated and troubled in life. we are sure that had he lived he would

have been a shining example of real love
for one and all.

Please take care of yourself especially
in your present condition. For I am sure that
your late husband would like you to go on
in life as usual, and there will be another
Kennedy added to the family next year.
We know that you are faced with a big
trial at the moment but remember, that
when Our Lord ^{sends} ~~gives~~ us crosses, He and Our
Blessed Lady are with us to bear it.

We end this letter wishing you
and your dear ones all the best. God
Bless all of you.

Love,

Magdalene Lee (Miss)
Jacqueline Ann Thompson (Mrs.)

Singapore

June 20, 1968

Mr. K. Vamen
86-B Lorong Marsiling
Singapore 25

Dear Mr. Vamen:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

K. Vamen,

86-B Lorong-
Marsiling.

Singapore 25,
16-6-1968.

Mrs. Ethel Kennedy,

I was shocked to hear the news
of the assassination of your husband, Mr. Robert
Kennedy. My heart felt condolences to you and
to your family.

Senator Robert Kennedy was a
great American. I liked Senator Kennedy
very much.

Yours Sincerely,

K. Vamen

Singapore

June 19, 1968

Miss Sandra Lee Sow Ruan
47-A Tiong Bahru Road
Singapore 3

Dear Miss Lee:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

47-A Tiong Bahru road
Singapore (3)

This Letter is for Mrs Robert Kennedy

I ~~am~~ ^{am} very sad because Robert Kennedy has died and his brother too. Only one brother left. I cannot sleep every night, because of this cruel ac't. And I will pray for him and your family. I love Robert Kennedy and his whole family very much and I will always remember them in my prayers.

To Mrs. F. Robert Kennedy.

From:
Sandra Lee Sow Kwan.
8 years old

Singapore

June 19, 1968

Mr. K. V. Devan
P. O. Box 52
Singapore 9

Dear Mr. Devan:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for your memorial verse.

I am forwarding your letter and poem to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

K. V. Devan,
P. O. Box 52,
Singapore - 9.

12th June, 1968.

Francis Galbraith, Esq.,
The U. S. Ambassador,
17, Swettenham Road,
Singapore.

Sir,

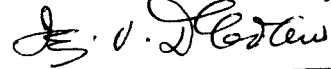
To introduce myself,

I am neither a poet nor a scholar; only a humble citizen of the world, watching the daily events. Together with the shocking news of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy I saw the picture of the Mother Rose Kennedy in mourning dress. This gave rise to the thoughts of a bereaved mother whose sons met with similar tragedy, which made the world cry. I wanted expression of my feelings and hence I composed the enclosed simple verses; which bear no relation to any politics. It is only an expression of human feelings said in a layman's language, to console a bereaved mother.

If acceptable, please acknowledge.

Thanking you,

Most humble citizen,



kvd/lh.

POOL OF TEARS

Oh God! how sad she is! Mother Kennedy,
No Mother will ever bear the grief so bloody.
Oh Lord! we pray Thee, make her bold,
To mourn the loss of sons worth gold.

Sons who strived for sure Democracy, by pure ballots,
Proud mother she is; though they fell to bullets.
Oh Criminals! why you grew in your mothers' wombs?
Violence makes her sons less; and three their tombs.

Her heart loaded with grief thinks no revenge,
Like a Mother-hen who lost three under her wings.
Sons stood for freedom, like Lincoln forever remind;
Bereaved; never mind! under the grave Freedom will ring.

Heroes they are; her young ones so dear,
Pistols felled them one by one, how to bear?
Oh Father Jesus! - you carried the cross for sinners,
So Rose; May Mother forgive? Heartless brutes are killers.

Singapore.
12.6.1968.

DEVAN.

Singapore

June 17, 1968

Miss Shariffah Ragnan Alsagoff
213 MacPherson Road
Singapore 13

Dear Miss Alsagoff:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I am forwarding your letter to Washington where it may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Miss Shariffah Raguan Alsagoff,
213, MacPherson Road,
Singapore 13.

Dear Madam,

It was with great sorrow that I heard of your great loss. The news of Senator Robert Kennedy's death came as a shock to not only me but my friends as well. You have my sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow. Senator Kennedy's death must be a terrible grief to your children too, please assure them also of my sincere sympathy. Words I know are rather poor comforters but it is not simply words when I say that I do feel with you in your great sorrow.

Yours Faithfully,
Shariffah Alsagoff

Singapore

June 12, 1968

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Dear Sirs:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador



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Honourable Ambassador,
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American Embassy,
30 Hill Street,
Singapore.

Dear Sir,

May we be permitted to express our very deep sympathy over the loss of a good man in the tragic death of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. It is our prayer that his deeds and his hopes shall always be remembered in the hearts of all mankind. Please convey our sincere condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and family.

Thio Kim Hoei,
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Yours very truly,

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Singapore 13

Dear Mr. de Silva:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

I am forwarding your letter to Washington where it may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

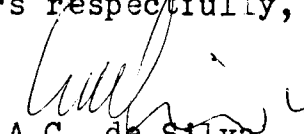
7th June, 1968.

His Excellency,
The United States Ambassador,
Singapore.

Your Excellency,

We humbly request Your Excellency to kindly convey our deep sympathy and extreme sorrow to the Kennedy family over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our condolences go out especially to Mrs. Kennedy and her children. We are simple working class people who are greatly shocked by the tragedy that has befallen the people of the United States of America. We therefore wish to express to Your Excellency - as representative of the Government and people of the United States - our profound regrets over the loss of a great American. I can assure Your Excellency that there are many people in Singapore who share the feelings of my family. People I have spoken to have expressed nothing but sorrow over the death of a man who might well have brought peace not only to this part of the world but also within America itself. It is my family's earnest hope that the Senator's death, following so closely upon that of the Rev. Martin Luther King, will draw the peoples of your great country more closely together so that Americans of all races may be able to live in peace and harmony.

Yours respectfully,


A.C. de Silva

(for and on behalf of the de Silva family)
143-H Pesiaran Keliling,
Block No. 57, Macpherson Estate,
Singapore, 13.

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. Tony Chan Chong Khai
37 Surin Avenue
Singapore 19

Dear Mr. Chan:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

TONY CHAN CHONG KHAI,

37, SURIN AVENUE,

SINGAPORE 19,

7th June 1968

Dear Mrs Ethel Kennedy,

The news of the attempt made on your Late Robert Francis Kennedy came to me as a Shock.

I was very grieved on hearing the he had died twenty four hours after being shot.

It's a pity that he has gone to be with the Lord before gaining the Presidency.

I join you and your family and the world in mourning his death.

It's a great loss to you and the World.

I've prayed for him and observed a minute silence as a respect for your husband - the Late Robert Francis Kennedy.

An Admirer of the Kennedys
Tony Chan Chong Khai

Singapore
June 11, 1968

Mr. E.T.S. Nair
British India General Insurance Co. Ltd.
P.B. 644
Singapore 1

Dear Mr. Nair:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

From,
E. T. S. NAIR
British India Gen. Ins. Co Ltd
P.B. 644
Singapore. /

Singapore.
6-6-68

^{The}
The American Embassy
30, Hill Street,
Singapore. 6.

Sirs,
I am grieved over the loss of fine
great, international leader Senator Robert
F. Kennedy. I am an admirer of the
Kennedy family. Please convey my
sympathies to the Kennedy family,
the late Senator's wife and to the
great American Nation.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully
E. T. S. Nair

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUN 7 - 1968

SINGAPORE

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Renee Patrick Fernando
20 Kedah Flats
Spooner Road
Singapore 3

Dear Mr. Fernando:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Rene Patrick Fernando,
20, Kedah Flats,
Spooner Road,
Singapore - 3.
10.6.68.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry for troubling a very busy and important man like you, by writing this little letter.

I am a boy of fourteen years of age. My main reasons of writing this letter is, firstly, to send my Condolence to the family of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, through you because I have no any other ways of doing so. It was a very shocking and indeed a very untimely end for a very great man like him — a loss that cannot be weighted. My prayers will always go with his family.

My final request is that, I shall be very much obliged and grateful, if you will only enter my name in the Condolence book for the late Senator Robert Kennedy. My reason for being unable to do it personally is that, I wasted much of my time yesterday by going to the one near Coleman Street, thinking that the book was there.

I am proud to say that, I am ^{one} of the greatest supporter of Mister Robert Kennedy. But at present, I am one of the saddest in the world, on hearing

of his tragic death.

If you need any more particulars from me, you are always welcome to write. I hope you will not disappoint me, by turning down my letter.

I think I better end my letter here, thanking you so ending my letter here, I once again thank you.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely.

Rene Patrick Fernando.
" "

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. P. K. Thomas
16, Sundridge Park Road
Singapore 13

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

P. K. Thomas,
16, Sundridge Park Road,
Singapore-13.

I, P. K. Thomas and family adore and
worship Senator Robert Kennedy as
second to Mohamed Gandhi. He is for
the poor people. He died for the
mankind's salvation. His death was
not in vain.

P. K. Thomas
.....
P. K. Thomas.

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Goh Kong Lim
158-D Redhill Close
Singapore 3

Dear Mr. Goh:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for your memorial verse.

I am forwarding your letter and poem to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

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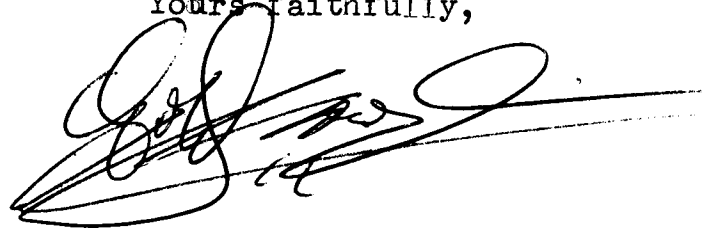
Goh Kong Lim,
158-D, Redhill Close,
Singapore 3.
10th June 1968.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Kindly forward this attached verse in dedication
to the late Senator Robert Kennedy to the bereaved family,
and do accept my apology for the inconvenience caused.

Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Goh Kong Lim', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

8th June 1968.

Robert Kennedy

A brother gone
A few years ago
And now death takes him
Such chance lost to serve the people

The nation mourn
The world in sorrow
For so much he could do
In bettering peace for all

A good man gone
No chance redeem
For he could lead mankind
Where love and trust are known

For hope we own
A new leader comes
And peace on earth shall be
But his name be in history.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Edgar Hoover", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Michael Chia
39-A Mandalay Road
Singapore 11

Dear Mr. Chia:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. An event such as this, the more tragic for being the second assassination of a Kennedy in public life, is indeed a source of shock and grief for all of us.

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Ambassador

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Embassy
30, Hill St.
S'pore 6.

JUN 11 1968

SINGAPORE

Michael Chia
39-A, Mandalay Rd
S'pore 11
10.6.68.

Dear Sir,

I read with great regard about the killing of Sen. Robert Kennedy. I am sure, if he was not killed, he may become a President one day. It was very hard to believe that he was assassinated by a gunman, just like his brother. I admire and respect the Kennedy families. I share this sorrow with the world. Please assure the family of my sincere sympathy.

P.S. Please forgive me if there are any grammar mistakes. I am a student and my English is not very good.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully.
MChia
(Michael Chia)

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Shaharudin Ahmad
4, Block P
Jalan Yunus
Police Barrack
Singapore 14

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

I write to express my sincere thanks for your letter of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for your memorial story.

I am forwarding your letter and the story to Washington where they may join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world. I know that it will be a source of comfort to the Kennedy family to know that their profound grief is shared by so many others.

I know that I speak for the Kennedy family as well as for this Embassy and the Government of the United States in stating how deeply all of us appreciate your thoughts and sympathy at this time of sorrow and difficulty.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Galbraith
Ambassador

Shaharudin Ahmad.
4, Block P,
Jalan Tunas,
Police Barrack.
Singapore 14.
June 10th, 1968.

To.

American High Commissioner,
Singapore.

Sir,

Herewith, I attached some tales,
of sorrow, memorial the murdered of late,
Democratic's bride, Robert Kennedy, Anyway I
take a long way to think this fact.

Because I realised my consequences.
"Do not attend my classroom, But I do,
in my heart, and such lesson's in ambitions".
Though this fact were uncomprehensive,
But, what this national duel, may satisfy
my congratulation.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully.

Shah

"Kamar Biru"

Dinas, masih belum mahu melepaskan mata-nya, Jam tepat 12⁰⁰ malam, dan selalu hari dan malam lain, Japi - - - - -, hati-nya cukup sedih, di-samping mengalih pandangan, hiasan lengkap, se-chasa yang paling indah, satu kala warna biru muda ditinggalkan yang masih melayang jauh di-bawah angin di-bawah gunung, serasa ditinggalkan itu masih belum pernah di-tempohi se-unut hidup, dan.....

"oh cukup indah, kau sungguh pandai membina bilek ini, untok malam pertama dan macham orang-nya juga, manis - - - - -"

"Japi - - - - -, oh ya, ah juga hanya lelaki yang menumpang di-kamar indah ini"

Dinas masih munda mandi, kala ia ingin, nanti Murni, dan mengambut tangan-nya, yang begitu halus, "juga tempat ini, chagaran binaan tangan mu, untok kebahagiaan sendiri dan umat yang sanggup berdamping"

Rasa masa itu terlalu lama, hanya saat itu terlalu cukup jauh di-bawah ditinggalkan kampung, dan resah kawan yang menghantar, di majlis meriah ini, chuma di-terangi ngilapan non bini, mengilap rambut yang di-sisir rapi, masih di-rata baju kibangserian yang masih basah peloh, rasa sejuk meresap anggota, kala bau-an meresap - - - - -, indah.

"Sampai ke hari pertama dulu, dan pertemuan kini"

Terkajut Dinas, di-belai jelingan kecil, jauh tersorok di-kelip bintang, bertambah satu cahaya, dan sosok yang di-dandan rapi, Dinas masih bingung, serta gugup menatap wajah Murni.

"Murni, - - - - -, indah nama m, untok hari dan hari esok - - - - - dan Murni - - - - -"

Kata itu masih terkulam jauh di-anak tekak, chuma di- ulangi

"Murni, kan indah membina keindahan, - - -"

Snasana itu terus hening, chuma seperti itulah, dengungan rumah tengah masih heboh, dengan se-sibu pertanyaan, sehingga pilcham itu akan kekal, aman, dan kebahagiaan, untuk dunia, dan selama dunia itu di- akui sebagai ramai makhluk, yang me-merhati, dan membimbing kebahagiaan, di- men-terikan sebagai hari ini, hembang dunia esok hari.

Lemah longlai Murni, menunduk-kan, gamulai, dan Dinas menyambut tangan Murni, membekali de-ngan hemat.

"Murni, aku ta sangka, di- atas, kementerian kan, - - - perchaya, kementerian hari ini, ada lah kementerian orang lain, yang mempunyai emosi yang sajalut, kan dengan Murni. Orang di mas, masih di- tabari gundang, masih gembira, seperti kita menyambut malam - - -"

Chuma Murni masih melangkapkan muka-nya di peloh Dinas dengan hemat, dan ter-agak- membekali rambut strai, di- indakkan ngianan biru.

"Kan bjanji Murni, sejak hari ini dan kelan akan berkakalan, di- samping memahami wajah btek ini, dan wajah aku, kan, dan keindahan di- pinggir, akan berkakalan menjadi tambor selam-nya"

Mereka hening, cerasa anggok-kan kecil, Murni, masih tersangkut di- anak mata Dinas, mereka membimbing jauh. Tingkap, di- samping dengan perlahan menentang satu dengan lain, hening, chuma tangan di- silul bulan, malam itu menyuloh samping memerhati kesikok-kan di- luar, kala- langsir di- belai dengan halus.

Terus di-puput bayu, mēmbelai di anah, rambut Murni, dan dēsiran hening, ta' tēs kata mercha, malam itu, chunsa hati Dīnas

"Ah , malam biasa di-reka, sa-riku tahun, dan di-susul esok, tapi aku, Murni, mēng-harap malam ini, sapesti malam esok, aku per-chaya kau masih tau kēsugolan hati-ku, dan waswas, untok mēnēmpok hidup, silam malam ini, di-puput bayu bujang"

Mereka kērtukar pandangan, kala sa-titis ayer jernih, masih mēneroka malam melah, sa-titis dēni lingema dan mēmbasahi kēndahan, Dīnas masih tēnganga. ta' kēluar kata hati-nya,

"Tapi , Murni, kau tau hati-ku, atau malam ini akan hanya bunyi rētak sa-riku tahun silam, masih di-anggap kuno hari dan malam ini, di-lambang bayu, ah Murni, sudah-lah, mah , aku anggap bunyian itu, wala usang, namun pēnghibur bahagia dan ta' sayugia indah dua kali, esok hari"

Dīnas mērebok sa-helai tuala bujur, masih tūkie ikatan manis, kala wangi itu, mēnsoke insan, di-usap perlahan, hingga sēdi itu hilang, di-telan pelok-kan Dīnas,

"Kalan tidak juga Murni , katakan kēnapa, Mēngapa Murni"

Lama, Murni masih tundok, mēmbien di-pinggir tazek gurawan di-ctuba dengan tēang kala di-rēsap sa-titis, kēndahan,

"Bukan Dīnas, sēchara tambo malam ini, aku akui gēndang kēlmalin, namun tradisi hati-ku, mēngēnang satu , yang mēnchipta lagu kēbahagiaan, yang sanggup kēndē-dang antara kau dan aku juga mahloh"

"Dan telah terkubur Dinas, kan paham, setiap rangkaian yang bertunas, telah patah, karena ma'adusia dan zaman ta' wahu mengakui, dan mereka masih memertigkan hawa nafsu gendang demokratik sendiri, aku sangat berharap Dinas kan paham, malam indah ini, arwah mereka bersama kita, yang bakal membimbing kebahagiaan kita dan anak aku percaya Dinas, Mereka tidak berdosa, mereka tetap tidak berdosa, malam telah terkubur, di-chelaku gunung sana, kan perhati, Dinas, gunung yang senantiasa di-selaputi embun dingin dan mereka memerhati kita, semoga akan sadar dunia dan keastian, tamaddun tapi, aku ta' mengesal, walau hati perempuan, namun, hati ku juga mempunyai perasaan yang sangat mendalam, menyedarkan satu faktor untukmu Dinas, dan ta' mengesal, mereka kembali menanti akan kepulangan, walau di-rasai dan sa-kalek-nya, Mari Dinas, akan ku pimpin tangan kita, dan chiri hati-ku, yang akan mengenal mundur untuk satu iktisad, dan bacul mengakui kelelahan, sedikit tenaga, kan berjanji Dinas. Berjanji"

Dinas masih terpekanjat, lama di-amati muka Murni perlahan,

"Dek,, Besar hasrat ada-lah rangkaian hati setiap insan, chuma percheroka dan zaman menjadi teradisi hidup, tapi aku Murni, aku tetap mengakui gendang mereka, yang telah paham akan kungkungan mereka, ta' kira di-nama mereka munchol, dan patah di-padang tandus, ke satu tujuan Murni, sa-akan cinta ku pada mu, dan dunia"

Tiba suasana itu tak berpengkalai, masih kenderus di-
hati mereka, lantaran satu panahan suara siok
menuju bilek mereka, Mereka terchengang, sampai
berpandangan, nunjol senyum-senyum ringan . . .

"Wah . . . , ta' ingat kawan lama, Murni
Dinas"

Dan Dinas teragak-membalas senyuman mereka,
di-chuba, chuma tangan Murni di-pererat mesra,

"Eh . . . , kawan, ehwan, sayang. Dahla,
kau datang, kenapa . . . , sudah berlaut zaman,
baru mesti datang. Tapi . . . , kebahagiaan
kami akan akan esok juga, seperti sudi kau
orang meneknati harmonian bersama . . .
Masi . . . , lihat puas, Eh . . . , pilekan
sendiri . . . , apa orang kata . . . musim
sputnik. awas, puas . . . , tapi kau berjampi
sama kebahagiaan kami ayah . . .
Kita ka-barah, mungkin kawan puas,"

Murni dan Dinas berpimpin terus, ka-ruangan
tengah, di-temani saribu tegor sapa, yang nyata
kiriangan

"Ma Pa' Chik, tau sama tau sudah lah,
allah . . . , duhu nak chik dan Pa' Chik
bagaimana tapi, ah sama, duhu se-
karang satu perjanjian, chuma belau sampai,
tapi, saya akan malam ini sudah siang hari"

Ketawa mereka terus berlalu, chuma mereka
melihat kawan telah menanti di-bawah pohon
ketapang. di-terangi nion indah, dan Kadir
lantas menarek bangku dengan hormat, duduk
di-chelak yang, hanya Dinas menchelak,

"Wah . . . , Kadir, bukan main tem-
berang, tapi musim ini awas-sikit, kita
sudah mulai tau . . . ya-lah lampu terang . . ."

"Bukan Dinas. Cerita orang di-sa-kelak.
hari mengisi ruang-ruang kosong."

"Kenapa pula?"

"Ah, apa lagi, suara lama, Allah, nanti
kau paham, kejaya mereka dan akan kejaya
kau, pikara biasa, seperti suara isfasi, ah,
pikara biasa Murni, jangan bimbang, selagi jauh
mata dan telah bertaut, namun hari ini ta'ung
kau takut menghadapi - - - -"

"Hai - - - . ta' chaw lain Kadir, tapi masa
pintu di-isi dengan perihai kebaktigian sè-
nunga menahani - - - . tapi, aku ta' sudi nèn
dengar choutoh mereka untok diri-ku, kerana
prijangan sama, tapi keadaan ada-lah
berlainan, namun pèsetan mereka, tapi
aku sudi mengambut tangan mereka, kerana
satu pembinaan, ayah Murni, Dalila,
Sayang mi - - - ."

Gelas mereka bergandeng, sengun di-telah
jauh hilang, hanya kata-keti Sayang gugup
berulang.

"Aku harap Murni dan Dinas, seperti nala
ini, dan kawan, nempang chita, juga di-
pinta berkekalan"

Malam itu telah berakhir, chura sisa-
nasih telah, Dinas masih meringkuk, seperti cha-
haya malam kelam, satu tiupan keti nèn
nembusi telinga-nya dan mendayu satu suara
halus. "Dinas - - - -"

Khayalan itu jauh, di-hari pertama, dan
jehigan Murni, di-chelah pohon bunga juga
rimbul di-pinggir pintu dan hilang,

"Kau panggil aku Murni, - - - . Kenapa, sudah
siang, - - - . sudah siang"

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I don't know what to say, but damn the tears and damn my people. How could they be so blind, don't they know they are sinking, can't they see that a most unusual man is trying so hard to keep us from rotting. My brother's eyes are red and the tears are still falling. Bobby is so intense, he wanted to do so much for us and that bastard no-body kill him. I would gladly die in his place but the past is a by-gone thing. Ambassador, what has become of the country we love so much, why do our people want guns to play with and guns to kill with. We kill the best in our society, Bobby, King and John and leave the rotten. America has no place for the good. Our people are only concern about themselves, they never care about others around them. I pray that Americans will change for the good and made progress what it really should be. Bobby was cheated, he was about to feel power and do a lot of good for our poor black brothers and for America. America is a bloody world and all our people can ever say and do is 'Oh God'. God Rest Bobby. Things will never be quite the same again. Today I cry for America and I hope Mr. Ambassador that my people will hear me.

Young American.

"America has lost a worthy son,
the world a hopeful leader;

The assassination of the Senator
is both tragic and appalling."

Our sympathies are with his family
and country.

- David
Singapore
June 1968

11th June 1968

To:

The United States Ambassador,
Mr. Francis Galbraith,
17, Swettenham Road
Singapore

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I am very sad to hear
of Senator Kennedy's death and just have to
write to you, the U.S. ambassador here, because
I don't know who else to share my grief with.
I had wanted to sign the condolence book but
could not be able to locate Swettenham Road;
if only the book was at the Hill Street Embassy.
Mr. Ambassador, if you should see Mrs. Ethel
Kennedy please let her know that as the world
mourns the loss of a fine leader there is at
least one little schoolgirl in Singapore who
admires her bravery and shares the grief
of the U.S. nation and particularly the Kennedy
family. Please ask them not to be so sad.

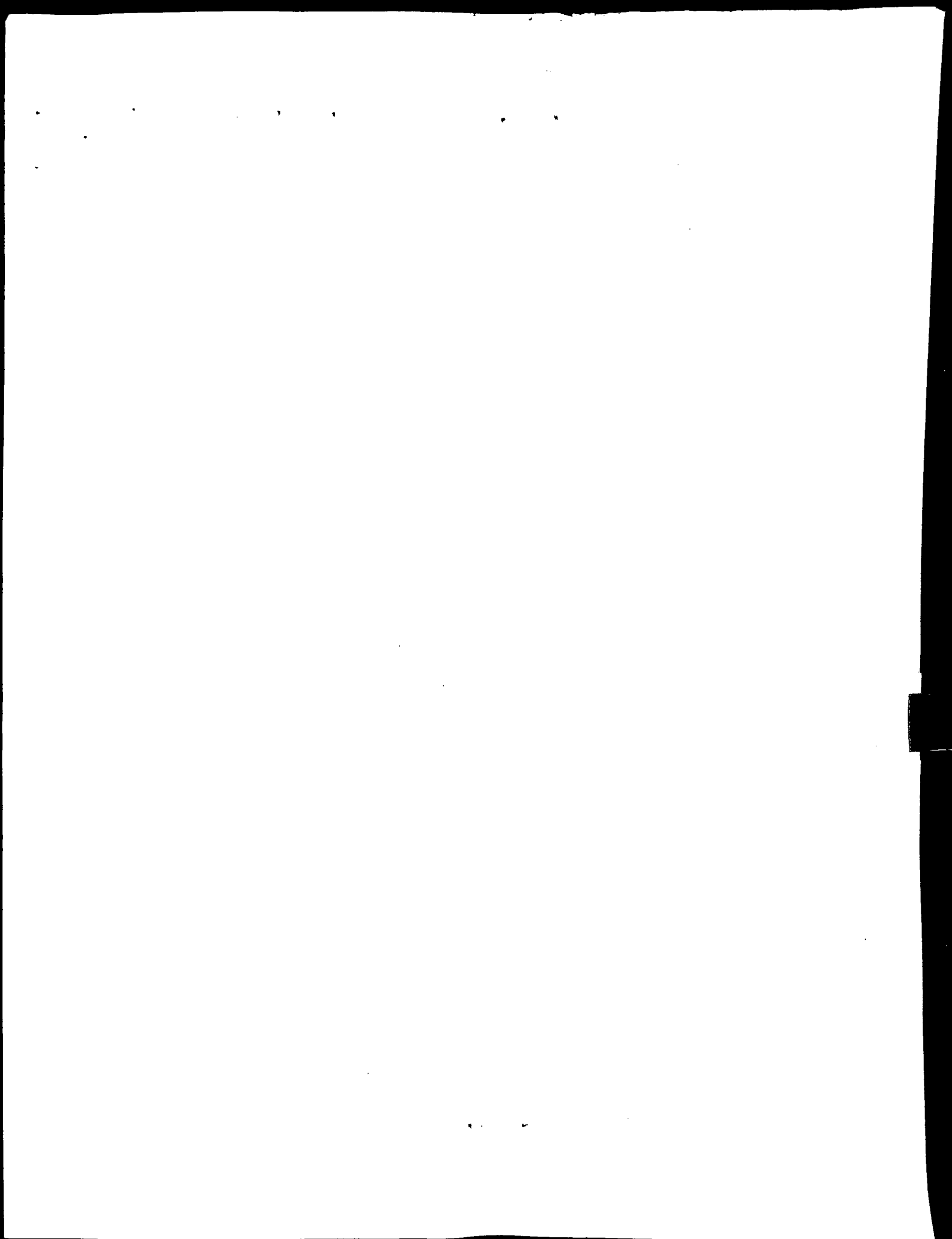
Thank You.

I remain Sir,

Yours gratefully,

BOBBY-ADMIRER.

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Letters requesting copies of the
condolence book

Singapore

June 18, 1968

Mr. Leong Chiew Eam
c/o Senema Estate
Bahau, Negri Sembilan
Malaysia

Dear Mr. Leong:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

You will understand that it is not possible to give away copies of this book, but Ambassador Galbraith has asked me to express to you his sincere thanks for your interest and sympathy at this time of sorrow for us all.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

LEONG CHIEWHUM
% Senama Estate
Bahau.

9th - June - 1968

The United Ambassador
17, Swettenham Road
Singapore.

Sir,

I would be ever very glad if you could send me a condolence book of Senator Robert Kennedy. I am one of the admirer of the Senator. I am extremely sad to hear of his assassination. I send my condolences to this great man.

I remain
Yours Truly,
Leong Chiewhum

Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Thomas Chng
267-G, Block 63
Pesiaran Keliling
Singapore 13

Dear Mr. Chng:

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Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

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THOMAS CHING,
267-G, BLOCK 63,
PESIRAN KELILING
SINGAPORE 13.

Embassy Residence,
17, Swettenham Road,
Singapore.

Dear Sir,
I wish you will obliged to supply me the condolence book
for Senator Robert Kennedy.
However, if it is possible I hope you will send it to me
to the above address.
Hoping, you will send it to me as soon as possible.
Thank You.

Yours Faithfully,


Singapore

June 12, 1968

Mr. Philip Ng
15-C Jalan Aman
Singapore 12

Dear Mr. Ng:

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Sincerely,

Richard W. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

CON:RWBaker:mt

Philip Ng,
15-C, Jalan Aman,
Singapore 12.

Dear Sir,

I am a boy who is interested in Politics and from the news paper that you had published about the like of the Ikereby I would like to have a few. I am very sorry for being unable to go to the place where I can get the book because the place which you had published in the newspaper was unknown to me. I sincerely hope that you will send me a few copies. Thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely
Philip Ng
et

Singapore

June 17, 1968

Mr. Sulkaflly Ibrahim
Police Station
Telok Datok Banting
Selangor
W. Malaysia

Dear Mr. Ibrahim:

I write in reply to your inquiry concerning the condolence book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I am sorry to say that the condolence book is not a book about Senator Kennedy but rather a book which may be signed by anyone who wishes to pay his respects in this way. This book will eventually be sent to Washington where it will join the many other expressions of sympathy from all around the world.

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Sincerely,

Richard M. Baker
Third Secretary of Embassy

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ZULKAFLY IBRAHIM.
POLICE STATION
TR. DAPOK BANING.
SELANGOR.
W. MALAYSIA.

DEAR AMBASSADOR.
MR. FRANCIS GALBRAITH.
EMBASSY RESIDENCE, 17 SWEETENHAM RD.
SINGAPORE.

DEAR SIR.

I AM VERY SURPRISE
IF YOU DON'T MIND TO SEND ME A
FREE CONDOLENCE BOOK ABOUT SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY.

THANK YOU.

Yours truly.
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TO : Department of State, Washington D.C.

INFO : Amembassy BRUSSELS (2)

FROM : Amconsul ANTWERP

DATE: July 5, 1968

SUBJECT: Expressions of Condolence on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Within the first few days following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy this Consulate General received formal written expressions of sympathy from 73 residents of the Antwerp area. This group included nine of the top officials in the area plus seventeen members of the Consular Corps of Antwerp. See attached list. Each of these expressions of sympathy was responded to by an individually typed letter, signed by the Consul General.

Inasmuch as most of the writers who sent the Consulate General letters or telegrams of condolence expressed the hope that their sympathy would be transmitted to Senator Kennedy's family, it is requested that the Department let the Kennedy family know of the many expressions of sympathy received by this Consulate at the time of the Senator's death.

Charles W. Thomas
Charles W. Thomas
American Consul General

Enclosure:

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Clearances:

List of Residents in the Antwerp Area Who sent
Expressions of Sympathy on the Death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy

Officials:

General E. Van Herdenbrugghe
Commanding the 2nd Military District
Belgielei 117, Antwerp

Mr. Andries Kinsbergen
Governor of the Province of Antwerp
Koningin Elisabethlaan 26, Antwerp

Mr. Robert Picavet
Provinciale Griffier
Koningin Elisabethlaan 26, Antwerp

Mr. Leo Delwaide
Alderman of the Port of Antwerp
Stadhuis, Antwerp

Mr. René de Vocht
Member of the Antwerp Provincial Government
140 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

The President and Board of Governors
of the American Belgian Association
17 Venusstraat, Antwerp

Mr. Paul Dufour
President, French Chamber of Commerce
152 Van Schoonbekestraat, Antwerp

Mr. Edmond Vincentelli
President, Rotary Club of Antwerp
177-179 Lange Lozanastraat, Antwerp

The Commander and Officers of the
Antwerp Military Hospital
Marialei 53/5, Antwerp

Consular Corps of Antwerp:

Count Ruggero Gaetani
 Dean of the Consular Corps of Antwerp
 Consul General of Italy
 51 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Mr. Antoine Herbosch
 Secretary of the Consular Corps of Antwerp
 Consul General of Monaco
 26 Van Ryswycklaan, Antwerp

Chile	Consul J. van Doosselaere 25 Van Bréestraat, Antwerp
Costa Rica	Consul General René De Haes 31 Graaf van Egmontstraat, Antwerp
Denmark	Consul General Erik F. Fischer Stoopstraat 1, Antwerp
France	Consul General Pierre Barbusse 24 Bosmanslei, Antwerp
Germany	Consul General Karl Born 38 Huidevettersstraat, Antwerp
Great Britain	Acting Consul General E.W. Wise 105 Frankrijklei, Antwerp
Greece	Consul A. Antonellos 70 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp
Liberia	Consul Georges Herfurth 17 Cassiersstraat, Antwerp
Luxembourg Gd Duchy	Consul Laurent Noesen 31 Rigaststraat, Antwerp
Netherlands	Consul General J. Ceulen 4 Van Meterenkaai, Antwerp
Paraguay	Consul General M. Pagano 245 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp
Portugal	Consul General J. de Campos Alves 14 Van Eycklei, Antwerp
Turkey	Consul General Orhan Güney 16 Sorberlaan, Antwerp
Uruguay	Consul J. Pacheco 2 Jezusstraat, Antwerp
Venezuela	Consul General J. Domingo Rotondaro 111 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Residents Antwerp Area:

Mr. L. Antonissen
Jan van Heelulaan 32, Antwerp L.O.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg
58 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Major General (Ret.) Julien Bouhon
4 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mr. Andy Bultinck
Van Maerlantstraat, Antwerp

Mr. A. Crab
66 Langestraat, Brasschaat-Antwerp

Mlle Gnislaine de Meester de Betzenbroeck
36 Jan Van Ryswycklaan, Antwerp

Mr. Fr. De Visser-Nuyttens
22 Perenstraat, Antwerp

Mr. Paul de Weerdt
86 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Dr. Fr. Duquenne
42 Paleisstraat, Antwerp

Mrs. Charpentier
30 Kasteelpleinstraat, Antwerp

Mr. P.N. Ferstenberg
14 Acacialaan, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Feus
142 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mrs. Marguerite Fux
84 Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Mr. Paul Goossens
Manager, Soc. Gén. de Banque
Frankrijklei, Antwerp

Herrfuch & Co S.A.
17-19 Cassiersstraat, Antwerp

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Mrs. M. Izziempo
95 Boomgaardstraat, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joos
65 St. Lievenspoortstraat, Gent

Mr. W. Kappel
45 Belgielei, Antwerp

Mr. Jean-Pierre G. Krug
13 rue H. Marck, Berchem-Antwerp

Mrs. Yvonne Lenaerts-Catoor
1 Rubenslei, Antwerp

Mr. R.J. Lhonneux
General Manager, N.V. Polysar Belgium
Antwerp

Dr. Paul Lecler
34 Verwersrui, Antwerp

Mrs. J. Lories-Van Gorp
9 Apostelstraat, Antwerp

Mrs. Grace Loucke
46 Stationstraat, Eernegem

Mrs. G. Luyckx-Cornil
17 Van Bréestraat, Antwerp

Mr. W. Marès
31 de Fourneustraart, Berchem-Antwerp

Mr. F.T. Marien
8 Vijverstein, Bonheiden

Mr. Israel Well
129 Provinciestraat, Antwerp

Mrs. Germaine Patroons
18 Moorkensplein, Borgerhout-Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. A. Polak
31 Prins Albertlei, Berchem-Antwerp

Mr. Euse-Vannoeven
69 Meerlennhoflaan, Hoboken-Antwerp

Mrs. A.M. Poels
Alfred Oudestraat 59, Zwijndrecht

Mr. James G. Tompkins
Lykes Lines Agency Inc.
Tavernierskaai 4, Antwerp

Dr. F. Van Bekhout
5 Amerikalei, Antwerp

Mrs. J. Van Gils-Nieuwenhuysen
25 Eigen Heerdstraat, Merksem-Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Van Heester
Kroonplein 38, Merksem-Antwerp

Mrs. Van de Noort
39 Ramstraat, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. A. Van de Velde
De Berlaumontstraat, Deurne N. Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van de Velde
Koningin Elisabethlaan 14, Antwerp

Miss A. Van den Bergh
31 Mechelsesteenweg, Antwerp

Mrs. Claire van der Wicken
3 Isabellalei, Antwerp

Mr. Fernand Verbaeck,
U.S.A.O., 137 Isabellalei, Antwerp

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Verhoeven
Maurits Sabbelaan 54/10/8, Antwerp

Mrs. Marguerite Vogels-Reinart
7 Mertens & Torfssstraat, Antwerp

Mr. Jack von Rothkirch
Rotimex, 29 Bosmanslei, Antwerp

Mrs. Lutgard Cavens
88 Wittestraat, Antwerp

Mr. Jean Vervoort
6 Brechtsesteenweg, Gistel

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1. PLEASE INFORM MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY THAT THE PRINCIPAL MASS
AT THE CEBU CITY CATHEDRAL ON JULY 4 WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

2. BISHOP ROSALES, BISHOP OF CEBU, MADE A SPECIAL POINT
OF TELLING ME THAT THE MASS WOULD BE SO DEDICATED WHEN I SAW
HIM ON JUNE 29 IN CEBU. WILLIAMS

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Wash DC

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FROM : Amembassy, TEHRAN

DATE: July 2, 1968

SUBJECT: Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : Embassy's A-678 dated June 24, 1968 - ~~SECRET~~

As promised in the referenced airgram, the Embassy transmits the book of condolences which was open for signature following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The book contains the signatures of Prime Minister Hoveyda and five other Cabinet Ministers, most of the senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, virtually all the foreign Ambassadors and Charges resident in Tehran, persons from all walks of Iranian life, and persons from the American official, business, and transient tourist communities. Informal translations have been made of inscriptions written in the Persian language.

The Embassy also forwards the letters of sympathy addressed to the Ambassador, along with the acknowledgements of the Charge d'Affaires. It was thought that the Department might wish to forward the book and the letters to the Kennedy family.

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